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MORE SWORDS AND SHIELDS
THAN SIN HATH SNARES, OR HELL HATH DARTS."

R. CRASHAW.

Preface.

THE special object of this work is to help the private worship of those English Church people whose spiritual temperament is rather sober than ecstatic, and who cannot be quite real in the use of the highly-coloured expressions of glowing feeling, or of the antiquated phraseology, which others find delightful and edifying.

The still waters of their devotion run too deep for the picturesque channels which commend themselves to more impulsive souls.

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Morning.

Act of Adoration.

O LORD God Almighty, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, Who hast made all things, visible and invisible, the earth, and the sun, and the stars, and the unseen beings in the spiritual world; Who dost maintain and rule all the universe by Thy power, I bow down myself before Thee, the Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth. I humbly join myself in adoring Thee with the holy angels, with the Church at rest, with the Church yet militant here in earth.

Lord, have mercy upon me.

Christ, have mercy upon me.

Lord, have mercy upon me.

I BELIEVE, etc.

O Lord God, I confess my utter unworthiness to approach Thee. I come in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord; I plead the ransom He paid for me by His Death; I look up in the hope that I may be accepted as partaker of His Life. I cast myself upon the power of His intercession. I pray as He hath taught us.

OUR FATHER, etc.

No. 1.

O LORD GOD most holy, I beseech Thee to forgive whatever hath been amiss in me since I last knelt before Thee. For the Lord Jesu's sake, pardon all that I have thought or done unworthy of my regenerate life, unworthy of my special calling, unworthy of His calmness, His purity, His gentleness. Cleanse me, O Lord, by Thy Holy Spirit; cleanse me thoroughly and for ever. I renounce this day the world, the flesh, and the devil. I throw myself upon Thee to help me. I desire to give myself wholly unto Thee, to do all to Thy glory.

I thank Thee, O God, with all my heart, for sustaining my life during the night, for refreshing sleep, for lengthened time to repent, and renewed strength to serve Thee here. I praise and bless Thee for continuing to me my reason, my senses, and especially my eyesight; for preserving me from fire, from pain, from distressing thoughts, from evil angels, and from wicked men. I glorify Thee for Thy constant and most kindly care so unremittingly bestowed on me, unworthy as I am, and on those who are dear to me; for the opportunities of serving Thee which Thou hast deigned to give me; for the indulgences which Thou hast, in Thy Fatherly kindness, lavished upon me, especially for the love of those who love me. And above all do I thankfully acknowledge how often and often Thou hast renewed to me Thy most precious gift of the Holy Spirit; and now I beseech Thee again, O Lord, to strengthen my miserable weakness against all sin during the coming day, and particularly against . . . , to which I am sadly disposed, and most easily tempted. I earnestly desire Thy help to beware

of occasions of such sins, to be watchful against the first signs of temptation, to shrink from all that is unbecoming my calling, to remember that I was baptized into the Death of Christ, to realize Thy holy Presence everywhere and at all times, and to abhor everything which is offensive in Thine eyes. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, my Saviour, my Master, Who didst give Thyself for our sins, that Thou mightest deliver us from this present evil world, I beseech Thee to fulfil Thy gracious purpose in me, that I may be wholly conformed unto Thee. Make me humble, diligent, steadfast, persevering. Give me zeal and discretion, self-denial and cheerfulness, gentleness and earnestness. Help me to bear injuries patiently, to take contradiction meekly, and to forgive as I am forgiven. Keep me from being frivolous, vain, ill-tempered, or idle. Fill me with holy thoughts, that I may lift up my heart to Thee in the midst of business and recreation. In all that I do let me manifest Thy life living in me, that I may set aside entirely my own satisfaction; and while acting with courtesy and consideration towards others, may never forget that I am Thy servant. Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, I humbly commit unto Thee those I love, those for whom I am bound to pray, those with whom I have to do to-day. Bless my family (*my colleagues, my servants, and dependents*), and all my friends. Grant unto them whatever good I ask for myself, and supply whatever I forget, as Thou knowest to be expedient for them. Protect us, O Lord, from all evil and mischief. Into Thy hands I commend myself and them. Keep me in perfect peace, make me to depend entirely on Thee. If it seem good unto Thee to send

affliction of body or mind, or to try me with disappointment or failure, or if my way lead this day through the gate of death, I resign myself absolutely to Thy Fatherly and most loving Providence. I cling humbly to Thee, and to Thy love. Or if it please Thee, O Lord, to brighten this day with Thy favour, then let me offer my strength to Thee. Do Thou prosper my work, and bring me in peace to the evening. And be Thou always above me to sustain me, before me to guide me, round about me to protect me, within me to strengthen me, after me to forgive me. Now and always. Amen.

I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God.

No. 2.

BLESSED art Thou, O Lord, our God, the God of our fathers, Who turnest the shadow of death into the morning, and renewest the face of the earth; Who hast lightened mine eyes, that I slept not in death; Who hast delivered me from terrors of the night, from the pestilence that walketh in darkness; Who makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice. Blessed art Thou, for I have laid me down and slept, and have risen up again; it is Thou, Lord, Who makest me dwell in safety. I awoke and beheld, and my sleep was sweet unto me.

O Lord, blot out as a mist mine iniquities. Scatter my sins as a morning cloud. Grant that I may become a child of the light, and of the day, that I may walk soberly, chastely, and honestly, as in the day. Vouchsafe to keep me this day without sin; uphold me when I am falling, and lift me up when I am down; grant that I

may never harden my heart by provoking Thee, by tempting Thee; nor let me be deceived by any sin. Preserve this day from any evil of mine, and me from the evil of this day. Let not my days be consumed in vanity, nor my years in trouble. Let one day utter speech unto another; let this day add something in knowledge or in practice to yesterday.

Oh, let me hear Thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in Thee is my trust; show Thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies, for I flee unto Thee to hide me. Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee, for Thou art my God. Let Thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of uprightness. Quicken me, O Lord, for Thy Name's sake; and for Thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

Remove from my mind thoughts that are without understanding. Inspire good thoughts into me, even such as shall be well-pleasing unto Thee. Turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity. Hedge in mine ears, that they listen not to foolish discourses. Waken them to hear in the morning, and open them to the doctrine of Thy Word. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips; let my speech be seasoned with salt, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. Let nothing that I do be a grief or offence of heart to me. But let my doings be such for which Thou mayest remember me for good; and do Thou spare me according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

Into Thy hands I commend my spirit, soul, and body. Thou hast created, redeemed, regenerated them, O Lord, Thou God of Truth. And with myself I commend unto Thee all

those whom I love, and all that belong unto me. Thou, O Lord, hast graciously given them unto Thy servant. Preserve us, O Lord, from all evil; keep us from falling, and present us faultless before the presence of Thy glory at That Day. Preserve my going out and my coming in, from this time forth for evermore. Prosper, I beseech Thee, Thy servant, and grant me favour in the sight of all whom I shall meet. O God, make speed to save me. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Oh, turn Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; give Thy strength unto Thy servant, and help the son of Thine handmaid. Show some token upon me for good, that I be not put to shame in the sight of them that hate me, because Thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

O God, I beseech Thee—Guard my heart—Sustain my body—Exalt my senses—Direct my goings—Regulate my conversation—Bless my undertakings—Fulfil my petitions—Inspire me with holy thoughts—Fill me with purity—Pardon what is past—Rectify the present—Order the future.

God be merciful unto me, and bless me, and show me the light of His countenance, and be merciful unto me. Amen.

Evening.

Act of Adoration.

Glory be to God the Father, Who made me.
Glory be to God the Son, Who redeemed me.
Glory be to God the Holy Ghost, Who sanctifieth me.

O HOLY, blessed Lord God, Who dwellest in light eternal and unapproachable, I humble myself before Thee, I adore Thy Almightiness, I glorify Thy Fatherly love and goodness.

OUR FATHER, etc.

No. 1.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, I humbly thank Thee for Thy care of me during the past day; for sparing me from evil I have provoked; for shielding me from accident, and infection, and countless dangers; for guarding me in various temptations; for guiding me in difficulties; for rescuing me and others from the consequences of my follies; for keeping me back from outrageous crimes, and from sins which destroy the soul; for turning away mischief which my negligence, or carelessness, or indolence might have caused. (*Especially I thank Thee for . . .*) Amen.

I desire to confess to Thee, O Lord, whatever evil I have done in thought, word, and deed;

whatever duty I have left undone, whatever I have done defectively or badly towards Thee and towards men. Help me, O Lord, to discover my faults. Let the light of Thy holiness now search out my heart.[1]

O Lord, I desire of Thee true contrition. Perfect in me an abiding repentance. Pardon me for the sake of Thy dear Son, Who bare our sins in His own body on the tree. Restore me to Thy favour, reconcile me, sanctify me wholly. Fill me now with the joy of Thy salvation. Amen.

O Lord our Saviour, may the lifting up of my hands this day be set forth as the evening sacrifice. In union with the oblation of Thyself to do the will of the Father, in union with the offering of the whole Church for the sweet savour of Thyself unto God, I desire most humbly to offer my feeble contribution of service. Thou knowest how much I have fallen short of what I ought to have done for Thee, how I have failed in trying to do good to others, in trying to amend myself. Do Thou, O Lord, correct, refine, perfect it. Fuse it into the united service of Thy Church. Perfume it with Thy holy intercession. O Lord, Who art touched with the feeling of our infirmities, Who will not be extreme to mark what is done amiss, mercifully overlook the sad mixture of my motives, separate for Thyself the little that was done for Thee. Accept it, O Lord, present it for me, and make me love Thee more, and serve Thee better! Amen.[2]

I reverently commit to Thee, O God and

[1] For devotions of Self-examination and Confession, see p. 28, etc.

[2] In a holiday the prayer on p. 151 may be substituted for this paragraph.

heavenly Father, all my cares and anxieties, all my designs and desires. Protect me from fire, from pain and sickness, from evil men and evil spirits. To my weariness vouchsafe rest, both of body and mind. Renew my strength by wholesome sleep. Keep me from idle imaginations, from discomposure of spirit, from everything that may anger Thee in my dreams, or in my waking thoughts. And raise me up, if it please Thee, refreshed and purified for tomorrow. I desire, O Lord, to consecrate my bed to Thee, to shut out the world and its cares, to lie down to wait patiently for the coming of the Lord. Prepare me for my long rest in the grave; accustom me to be at peace when alone with Thee. And with myself, I commend unto Thee all for whom I should pray, especially those I love best . . . Grant to them all that I have asked for myself, and whatsoever else Thou knowest to be good for them.

I will lay me down in peace and take my rest, for it is Thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety. Amen.

No. 2.

I GIVE thanks to Thee, O Lord, that I have passed over this day. The night cometh on; death also cometh on.

I lift up my hands by night, and bless the Lord.

Give rest, O Lord, to me that am drooping; renew my strength, for I am weary. Lighten my eyes, that I sleep not in death. Grant me restful sleep, and to pass this night without trouble.

O Thou Keeper of Israel, Who dost never slumber, preserve me from all evil; O Lord, keep my soul. Visit me with the salvation of

Thy children. Open my understanding in the visions of the night. But if not so (for I am not worthy! I am not worthy!), yet, O Lord, let my sleep be a rest, as from labour, so from sin. Even so, O Lord! And let me not dream of anything that may offend Thee or defile myself. Lay asleep in me all earthly and wicked imaginations. Of mine unseen enemies Thou knowest, Lord, the wakefulness; of my miserable flesh Thou knowest the weakness. Oh, hide me under the shadow of Thy wings. Raise me up in a time accepted, in the hour of prayer; and grant that I may seek Thee early, to glorify and serve Thee. Lord, into Thy hands I commend myself, spirit, soul, and body. Thou hast created and redeemed them, O Lord, Thou God of Truth. And, together with myself, I commend unto Thee all that belong unto me. Thou, O Lord, hast graciously given them unto Thy servant. Preserve my lying down and my rising up, from this time forth for evermore. Grant that I may remember Thee upon my bed, and search out my spirit, so that when I wake up I may be present with Thee. Amen.

"I sleep, but my heart waketh."

Certain Hours of the Day.

The Third Hour (9 o'clock).

ALMIGHTY God, Who didst, as at this hour, replenish the hearts of Thy faithful servants by sending Thy Holy Spirit upon them; grant me by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, that I may both perceive what I ought to do, and also have power to do it effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst, as at this hour, receive the bitter sentence of death for us, when no cause of death could be found against Thee; enable us, after Thy example, to bear injustice in the cause of righteousness, and meekly to submit to men's condemnation, which (unlike Thee) we have justly deserved. Amen.

The Sixth Hour (12 o'clock).

"AT noonday will I pray, and that instantly, and He shall hear my voice." O Lord Jesus Christ, my Lord and my God, Who didst, as at this hour, while hanging on the Cross for my sake, enter into the darkness of God's wrath, and didst endure the awful forsaking of God; grant unto me to have this Thy blessed Passion in devout remembrance every day of my life, and at the hour of death. And by it I beseech Thee to save me, O Lord, from the wrath and the forsaking of God, so that even in the valley of the shadow of death I may fear no evil. Amen.

The Ninth Hour (3 o'clock).

O LORD, my Redeemer and King, Who, as at this hour, didst finish Thy work of redemption, didst commend Thy Spirit unto the Father, and didst fall into that deep sleep wherein the Church was taken from Thy flesh; I glorify Thee that Thou hast grafted me into Thy Body, and made me a partaker of Thy redemption. Into Thy hands I commend my spirit, for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of Truth! Amen.

End of Day (6 o'clock).

O LORD, Whose crucified Body was, as at this hour, laid in the sepulchre; grant that I, who have been buried with Thee in my baptism, may remain dead unto sin, and continually mortify all evil and corrupt affections, until my life, now hidden with Thee, is revealed in glory at Thy coming, to which vouchsafe to preserve me blameless, through Thy merits. Amen.

Sunday Morning.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Who didst give Thine only-begotten Son to be sacrificed for us as our Passover, Who by Thy Holy Spirit hast sanctioned Thy Church's weekly festival of His Resurrection; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may be ever fresh to serve Thee as Thy children, in pureness of living and truth, ever attired, as Thy guests, in the spotless garment of a good conscience. O Lord God, Who hath lifted us up in our baptism to the resurrection life of heavenward hope and wistful longing towards Thee, draw us, we beseech Thee, in the buoyancy of Thy baptismal gift, so to seek Thee to-day in the devout worship of Thy Holy Church, and especially in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, that we may be partakers of the Resurrection of Thy dear Son, and that He may raise us up at the last day, Who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Friday.

O LORD and Saviour, Who didst endure the Cross for our sakes, and in bitterest suffering of flesh and spirit didst atone for my sins, actual as well as original, I pray Thee to keep this awful deed of love in my remembrance this day, that I may constantly dwell upon it, and glorify Thee for it.

Soften my heart, O Lord, and let my flesh be so crucified with the passions and lusts, that I may live and walk in that spiritual life which Thou hast given me by the power of the Holy Ghost, Who, with the Father, and with Thee, O Lord, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

(*Use Collects for Good Friday, the Circumcision, or Prayer for Mortification, p.* 127, *or Psalm* xxii.)[1]

[1] It will be found most useful to apportion carefully to every day in the week definite Petitions for Special Graces, and Intercessions.

These may be varied from time to time, according to the spiritual needs of the soul and the necessities of others, but a regular system should be kept in operation.

Holy Days and Seasons.

General.

O LORD, our most merciful God, Who in compassion to our littleness and feebleness of understanding hast condescended to divide the wonders of Thy truth, and to teach them to us by little and little; I thank Thee that Thou hast ordained that we should learn the perfections of Thy dear Son, by dwelling on them separately in the various great events of His incarnate life. I thank Thee that Thou hast taught us to be imitators of Thy saints, as they were of Him. And, O Lord, I beseech Thee that on this day I may follow the guidance of Thy good Spirit, and together with Thy whole Church may be enlightened, and roused, and refreshed by the memory of . . .

I desire, O Lord, to measure myself by such a standard; to humble myself thereby, and to glorify Thee for Thy power and goodness displayed therein. And grant that I may profit by the knowledge and example thereof, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special.

ADVENT. Visitation—for judgment, Gen. vi. 12, xi. 5, xviii. 21; Job xxxi. 14; Isa. x. 3—for redemption, Exod. iii. 8; St. Luke i. 68. Preparation for receiving the Lord, St. Matt. xxiv. 36, xxv.; St. Luke xvi. 1. Act of faith, p. 100. Petition for self-control, p. 120. Intercession for the Church, p. 153.

"The Lord is at hand."

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God, Which makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Thy only Son Jesus Christ; grant that as we joyfully receive Him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him when He shall come to be our Judge, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost one God blessed for ever. Amen.

"Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

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SS. Simon and Jude, Apostles. Hearty zeal in spiritual things, Num. xxv. 11; Ps. cxix. 139; Isa. lix. 16; St. Luke vi. 15, 16; xviii. 22; St. John ii. 17; xiv. 22; 2 Cor. vii. 11; Rev. iii. 14. Petitions for diligence, p. 119; zeal, p. 123. Hymns 11, 18.

"The zeal of Thine house hath eaten Me up."

All Saints' Day. The communion of saints in Church militant and at rest, Ps. xlv., lxviii.; Deut. vi., vii., viii.; St. John xv., xvii.; 1 Cor. x. 16, 17, xii. 12; Eph. iii., iv., v. 1 to 22; Rev. xix. Prayer on behalf of fellow-worshippers, p. 64. Acts of faith, p. 100; hope, p. 102; love, p. 106. Petitions for patience, p. 125; cheerfulness, p. 130. Prayer at the close of life, p. 146. Intercessions for the Church, p. 153; the sick, p. 165; absent friends, p. 164; departed friends, p. 164; fellow-members of guild, p. 183. Hymn 17.

"If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another."

Saints' Days.

GLORY be to Thee, O God, for all the graces which Thou hast given to Thy saints who have served Thee in holiness, and now rest happily with Thee. Give me grace to follow in their steps, and to fight against sin as they did; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O HEAVENLY Father, Who hast taught us how great things were wrought, through faith, in times of old; give, we beseech Thee, to Thy servants a strong and living faith; that, looking not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen, we may win a like victory over the world, and finally behold with our eyes the things in which we have believed; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Meditation.

Prayer before Meditation.

O LORD, I humbly beg Thy help now to shut out the world, to close my heart against all that can interrupt my communion with Thee. Subdue all riotous, and unruly, and wandering thoughts in me. Let Thy Holy Spirit stir up the depths of my soul, and saturate them with holy thoughts. Quicken my affections; exalt my understanding of spiritual things; sharpen my judgment in the earnest desire to mortify my own will and to do Thine; and direct my meditation to personal and practical improvement, so that I may now advance a step in the spiritual life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

"Open Thou mine eyes that I may see the wondrous things of Thy law. I am a stranger upon earth, O hide not Thy commandments from me."

"Quicken Thou me in Thy way. Quicken me in Thy righteousness."

Pious Thoughts.

For Occasional Use.

BLESSED art Thou, O Lord; teach me Thy statutes.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ, according as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy, and without blame before Him in love.

O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of Thy hands.

I desire to hear Thy voice, and to open the door. Do Thou, O Lord, come in to me!

Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth.

Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief.

Remember the word unto Thy servant upon which Thou hast caused me to hope.

O Christ, I pray that Thou mayest dwell in my heart by faith.

O Lord, I ask; O Lord, I seek; O Lord, I knock. Give me the bread of life.

Grant unto me first the kingdom of God, and Thy righteousness.

I wait for the Lord; my soul doth wait; in Thy word do I hope.

God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid.

Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him.
O Lord, direct my heart into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

We are Thy servants, O Lord, and Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed by Thy great power, and by Thy strong hand. Prosper Thy servant this day.
The night cometh when no man can work. Make me diligent while it is day.
Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.
Grant unto me, O Lord Jesus, to be strengthened with might by Thy Spirit in the inner man.
Make me to bear and have patience, and to labour for Thy Name's sake, and not to faint.
I will not serve God and Mammon.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth ; keep the door of my lips.
I will make a covenant with my eyes.
Make me to deny myself, and take up my cross and follow Thee.

Grant to me, gracious Lord, a pure intention of my heart, and a steadfast regard to Thy glory in all my actions.
May I work out my salvation in fear and trembling.
Turn away my reproach which I fear.
I will keep Thy statutes; oh, forsake me not utterly.
It is mine own infirmity, but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most Highest.

Say in a word, and Thy servant shall be healed.
Lord, remember me when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Lord, I am not mine, but Thine. Claim me as Thy right, keep me as Thy charge, and love me as Thy child. Fight for me when I am assaulted, heal me when I am wounded, revive me when I am destroyed.

Let me be joyful for nothing but that which pleaseth Thee, nor sorrowful for anything but that which doth displease Thee.

Let my labour be a delight which is for Thee, and let rest be a weariness except in Thee.

Make me humble to my superiors, and friendly to my equals, ready to please all and loth to offend any, loving to my friends and charitable to my enemies.

By acting with excessive eagerness and ardour in matters of business and pleasure we destroy peace and tranquillity.

There needs nothing more to expose a man to danger of eternal misery than to have everything according to his desire, and quietly to enjoy the pleasures of this life.

There is no pleasure comparable to the not being captivated by any external thing whatever.

No pleasure is innocent which hinders thee from minding thine eternal life.

One does not begin to fall, when the fall becomes sensible.

Always suspect thyself, when thine inclinations are strong.

Never do anything merely because thou hast an inclination for it.

Every day deny thyself some satisfaction.

Say not, it is a trifle, and not fit to make a sacrifice of, to God. It is not the thing itself, but the reason and manner of doing it, viz. for God's sake, which He regards.

Self-Examination.

No. 1.

O GOD, show me myself! Let me see myself in Thy light! bared of all outward shows and pretexts! Let me see what I have made of myself! Let me not shrink from this humiliation, and may it humiliate me so that I never forget it! For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

No. 2.

ALMIGHTY God, to Whom every recess of our hearts and souls is so utterly known that the burning light of Thy Spirit can pass through the very midst of that sacrifice of my whole self which I now offer to Thee; I pray Thee to help me to search it out in every separate part and piece, and to deplore and bewail every blemish and offensiveness therein, that it may be wholly cleansed, and made perfect through the merits of Him Who offered Himself acceptably unto Thee, Jesus Christ our Lord. O Lord, I desire not to spare myself, but so to judge myself that I be not judged of Thee. I pray Thee now to quicken my memory, to strip off my excuses, to give me the measure of Thy holiness wherewith to compare my own uncleanness. And then, O Lord, for the sake of Thy dear Son, forgive me! Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin. Amen.

No. 3.

O LORD God the Holy Ghost, I beseech Thee to guide me to ask myself such questions, that my examination may be real and thorough, and worthy of Thy truth. Amen.

Questions for Self-Examination.

The following are given rather as specimens and materials of the questions which each person must accumulate for his own use, than as forms to be adhered to exclusively.

With practice in honest and diligent self-inspection, a person will soon cease to ask himself useless questions, and will gradually insert new ones which suggest themselves as pertinent and searching.

GENERAL QUESTIONS.

CAN I convict myself of acts, words, or thoughts, of

Pride, or self-esteem?
Covetousness, or discontent?
Envy, or malice?
Anger, or impatience?
Lust, or luxury?
Gluttony, or intemperance?
Sloth, or dilatoriness in work, in prayer, in intercession?

EVENING QUESTIONS.

1. Did I get up in good time?
2. Did I say my prayers, and read the Bible? earnestly? without hurry? without selfishness? without conceit?

3. Did I set about my work as for God?
4. Have I striven to preserve calm and inward peace in turmoil, business, strife, distraction, disappointments?
5. Have I said anything wrong to-day? idly? carelessly? or too much?
6. Have I written anything wrong to-day?
7. What opportunity of good work did I carelessly or wilfully miss?
8. Have I caused any one else to sin?
9. Have I exceeded in eating or drinking?
10. Have I been gentle? and . . . (*here think of the virtues in which you are apt to be defective*).
11. Have I wasted any of my time?
12. Did I make the most of my time in Divine Service? in meditation?
13. Did I send up to heaven any intermediate or ejaculatory prayers?
14. Have I broken any special resolution against a peculiar failing?
15. Have I seriously forgotten my office, my position?
16. What part of my duty have I neglected?
17. Have I hurt the feelings of any one to-day? If so, did I beg their pardon?
18. Have I given way to any of the desires of the flesh, when I might have contradicted it, and kept under my body?
19. Have I yielded to the indulgence of a desire of the mind, to the detriment of my duty?
20. Have I now repented of all I have found amiss in me this day? followed it up, and traced it to its beginning? and humbly resolved to amend it when I begged for pardon?

QUESTIONS AS TO WORK.

1. Did I do it in the faith that my Lord was with me, ready to give me all the help I needed, and to make my work perfect?
2. Did I do it in love to the Lord? and in my poor manner to requite Him for His love to me?
3. If I had to do it over again, what would I *not* do which I did in it?
4. And what would I do which I did not?
5. How does it seem, compared with what a saint would have made of it?

QUESTIONS ON THE PRINCIPLES OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

1. Have I forgotten God when I ought to have remembered Him?

Lord, have mercy upon me *for this sin against Thy law in time past*, and incline my heart to keep this *part of Thy* law *for the future.*

2. Have I worshipped badly? or in self-pleasing?
   Lord, *etc.*
3. Have I done, said, or thought anything irreverently?
   Lord, *etc.*
4. Have I kept the times of direct worship?
   Lord, *etc.*
5. Have I treated any one unlovingly, in respect of their station?
   Lord, *etc.*
6. Have I treated any one unlovingly, in respect of their bodily comfort?
   Lord, *etc.*

7. Have I treated any one unlovingly, in respect of their affections and feelings?
   Lord, *etc.*
8. Have I treated any one unlovingly, in respect of their property?
   Lord, *etc.*
9. Have I treated any one unlovingly, in respect of their good name?
   Lord, *etc.*
10. Have I envied any one?

Lord, have mercy upon me *for all these my sins against Thy law in time past*, and write all these Thy laws in my heart *henceforward*. I beseech Thee.

"I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost. O seek Thy servant, for I do not forget Thy commandments."

QUESTIONS ON THE FIRST HALF OF THE LORD'S PRAYER.

1. Have I habitually, or even occasionally, looked up happily to God with any sense of His Fatherly love to me as partaking the life of Christ?
2. Have I remembered that He is in heaven and I upon earth, and restrained my words to Him?
3. Have I not spoken to Him at all, so that the preceding question is sadly inapplicable to me?
4. Have I given myself to promote His honour? or rather tried to seek honour for myself? or even disgraced Him?
5. Have I done anything to extend His kingdom among men? or have I given Satan

any advantage in holding his ground in the earth?

6. Have I regarded the will of God, and not my own will, or the opinion of the world, in determining my actions?
7. Have I given the first half of my desires and strength exclusively to the *INTERESTS OF MY FATHER* Which is in heaven?

Similar questions may be asked upon the remainder of the Lord's Prayer, and upon the Creeds.

QUESTIONS FOR MARRIED PERSONS.

A. (*for a husband*).—Have I (1) loved my wife? (2) comforted her? (3) honoured her? (4) kept her in sickness and in health? and (5) forsaken all other women, and kept myself only to her, as a wife?

B. (*for a wife*).—Have I (1) obeyed my husband? (2) served him? (3) loved him? (4) honoured him? (5) kept him in sickness and in health? and (6) forsaken all other men, and kept myself only unto him, as a husband?

Similar questions may be asked upon any other position of life with respect to which you have made vows.

Acts of Confession.

No. 1.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto Thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O MOST mighty God, and merciful Father, Who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made; Who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin, and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to Thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare Thy people, Whom Thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with Thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners; but so turn Thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with Thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN the Name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST. I confess to God the Father Almighty, to His only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, and to God the Holy Ghost, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my most grievous fault.

Especially I accuse myself that, *etc.*

(*Here declare your sins.*)

For these, and all my other sins which I cannot now remember, I am heartily sorry; I firmly purpose amendment, and I humbly ask pardon of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, absolve Thy people from their offences; that through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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No. 2.

O BEING above all beings, O uncreated Nature, Thou Framer of the whole world! I set Thee, Lord, before me, I lift up my soul unto Thee, I fall down on my knees and worship Thee, I humble myself under Thy mighty Hand, I stretch forth my hands unto Thee. I smite upon my breast, and say with the publican, God be merciful unto me a sinner! To me, altogether a sinner! To me, the chief of sinners! To me, a greater sinner than the publican, be merciful as to the publican! O Father of mercies, I beseech Thee, by Thy Fatherly bowels of compassion, despise me not!—the work of Thy hands, Thine own image, despise me not,

though I bear the scars of mine iniquity. Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean. Lord, speak the word only, and I shall be healed. And Thou, O Christ my Saviour! Saviour of sinners, of whom I am chief, despise me not, O Lord. The price of Thine own Blood, upon whom Thy Name is called, O Lord, despise me not. But look upon me with those Thine eyes with which Thou lookedst upon the Magdalene at the feast, upon Peter in the hall, upon the thief on the Cross: despise me not, O Lord. But soften and melt me.

Lord, as we add day to day, so we add sin to sin. A just man falleth seven times a day, but I, a wretched sinner, seventy times seven times. A wonderful and horrible thing, O Lord! But I turn from my wicked ways, and bewail them; I return to myself, and turn to Thee with all my heart. Yea, evening after evening will I return; yea, out of the deep my soul crieth unto Thee. Lord, I have sinned against Thee; I have sinned grievously against Thee. I repent: woe is me! I repent: O Lord, help my impenitence! Spare me, O Lord! Lord, be merciful unto me; heal my soul: for I have sinned against Thee. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, after Thy great goodness; according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences. Forgive my guilt; heal my sores; blot out the stains of my soul; deliver me from the shame, rescue me from the tyranny, of sin; and make me not a public example.

Cleanse me, O Lord, from my secret faults. Keep Thy servant also from presumptuous sins. Impute not to me the wanderings of my mind, nor my idle words. Stop the tide of unclean and unlawful thoughts. O Lord, my destruction [illegible] myself. Whatsoever I have done amiss,

graciously pardon. Deal not with us after our sins, neither reward us after our iniquities. Mercifully look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of Thy most holy Name, turn from me all those evils and afflictions which are justly due to me a miserable sinner; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 3.

I CONFESS to Thee, O God, those sins which I now recall with shame, and which, if I would, I could not hide from Thee.

My sins of pride and vainglory, of . . . These, O Lord, I acknowledge to have done through my own fault, my own most grievous fault, against Thy majesty and Thy honour. I desire to be truly penitent, to be sharply sorry from the bottom of my heart, and to show forth the fruits of penitence in godly zeal. And therefore, in all lowliness and humility, I cry unto Thee, O God, most sinful that I am, and unworthy of the least of all Thy mercies. O Lord, Whose nature and property it is to forgive sinners, and to have compassion upon all that truly turn to Thee, vouchsafe now, of Thy great pity and goodness, to give me the comfort of absolution, and a perfect remission of all my sins. Strengthen me in all good works henceforward and for ever. Restore to me the years that the locust hath eaten; for the honour of Him Who hath redeemed me, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 4.

FORGIVE me my sins, O Lord; forgive me the sins of my youth and the sins of my age, the sins of my soul and the sins of my body,

my secret and my whispering sins, my crying and my presumptuous sins, the sins that I have done to please myself, and the sins that I have done to please others. Forgive me my wanton and idle sins. Forgive me my grievous and deliberate sins. Forgive me those sins which I know, and the sins which I know not; the sins which I have striven so long to hide from others, that now I have even hidden them from my own memory.

Forgive them, O Lord. Forgive them all, and of Thy great goodness let me be absolved from my offences. For the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 5.

O LORD of all purity and holiness, Whose human nature was unstained by any imperfection, once and again I deplore *this miserable fault.* Time after time my examination, poor as it is, reveals in its deformity this great obstacle to my spiritual life. Verily the law in my members wars against the law of my mind, so that I do that which I would not. But strengthen me, O Lord, to beat it down again and again! Humble me with this sharp thorn in the flesh! I repudiate all hope of overcoming it by my own strength. I have not even strength to be sorry as I ought for having yielded to the temptation. And therefore again I lie before Thee, my Saviour, my Intercessor, Who lovest me even as the Father loveth Thee. Burn out by the glow of Thy love all desire and hankering after this sin; and sanctify me wholly, as I walk before Thee.

O Lord, deny not Thy servant whom Thou t called Thy friend. Thou, Whom God

exalted with His right Hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins, grant me now repentance not to be repented of. For Thine own sake. Amen.

No. 6.

I, A WRETCHED sinner, here prostrate before the everlasting God, and having in remembrance the exceeding mercy of His great goodness towards me, glorify Him that He hath created me out of nothing; that He hath lovingly preserved and sustained me, when I was most unworthy of life; that He hath of His incomprehensible clemency so often invited me to repentance, and so patiently expected my conversion and amendment. I have in memory that at the day of my baptism I was happily and holily vowed and dedicated unto God, to be His child, and to live in His continual service; yet, contrary to the profession which was then set out for me, I have so many times utterly and detestably violated my plain duties, profaned my sacred promises, and employed my soul to the service of the world, the flesh, and the devil, thereby despising the grace and goodness of God's Divine majesty.

Wherefore I abhor myself, and in all lowliness and devoutness, cast myself soul and body prostrate before the dreadful throne of His justice.

I acknowledge and confess, and yield myself a most miserable, wretched sinner, worthy of that death and passion which Christ once suffered for me upon the Cross of torment. I turn myself to the throne of His infinite mercy, and with all my might, from the very bottom of my heart, detest the iniquities I now confess. I

most humbly crave pardon for the same, on the ground only of the most precious Death and Passion of my Saviour and Redeemer. Unto Whom I promise and confirm, I avow and confess, and ratify and solemnly renew, the sacred profession of loyal service and fidelity, which was made unto Him in my behalf, in my baptism; and which I myself with my own mouth did reiterate, before I was confirmed by the bishop. . . .

I renounce again unfeignedly the vanities of this wicked world, the lusts of my sinful flesh, and the suggestions of the devil. . . . I desire, purpose, and fully resolve to honour my most gracious, and tender-hearted, and long-suffering God and King, to serve, love, and obey Him, now and henceforward for ever. I give and dedicate unto Him for this end the powers of my body, the faculties of my understanding, the affections of my heart, and the directing of my will, to be His faithful, loyal, and obedient servant for ever.

And I most humbly beseech Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to confirm me in this constant resolution, and to accept of this my broken and contrite heart, entirely desiring His Fatherly goodness, that as He has given me a wish and a will to purpose, so He will give me strength to bring the same to good effect, and to persevere unto the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 7.

O MOST merciful Father, Whose love is magnified in the pardon of our many and grievous sins, deepen in me the sense of what I have done against Thee; prepare me for a par- which may exhibit the greatness of Thy love;

so that, being forgiven much, I may love Thee much; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 8.

O LORD God, Thou hast given me affections wherewith to glorify Thee, and I have perverted and abused them to evil action, and have disgraced Thy holy Name. But I desire henceforth, whenever the temptations to such abuse come upon me, to be stirred up to use my affections rightly to Thy glory.

Let all emotions of pride be as a trumpet call to summon me to humble myself in the thought of my own infirmities, and of my high calling; of covetousness, to lay up for myself treasure in heaven; of envy, to excel in all spiritual gifts, using them to edify the Church; of anger, to a godly indignation against my own sins, and all that grieves the holy God; of lust, to mortify my body, and flee to my Father Which is in heaven; of gluttony, to hunger for the Bread of heaven; of sloth, to labour that I may enter into rest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

General Conclusion of Self-Examination and Confession.

HAVE I gone to the bottom of the mischief? have I brought out the whole burden of sin? Do I believe I am forgiven? and going to amend? so that my conscience is really quiet? Or have I done all that I can do, and still require further comfort or counsel for some secret grief or trouble?

And if your answer be, "I have hardly done all I can do," then set to work again bravely to

do it. But if you really think that you can do no more by yourself, and your conscience is not honestly quiet, either because (1) *you do not know how to do the work; or* (2) *there is some tangle, in which you cannot see the line between right and wrong, leaving a gap in the work of repentance; or* (3) *you do not believe God has entirely forgiven you; or* (4) *a wretched self-esteem taints it all; then* GO TO SOME DISCREET AND LEARNED PRIEST, *and make your full confession in his presence, that he may superintend it and put you right, and finally give you the comfort of absolution.*

*Also, if in any crisis of spiritual difficulty you want counsel and guidance—inasmuch as the physician of the soul must know his patient's disease and constitution, and not merely those symptoms which you may think sufficient to give him the requisite knowledge—*GO TO A PRIEST, *and make confession in his hearing;* AND WHEN HE SUGGESTS THE REMEDY YOU HAVE BEEN AFRAID TO THINK OF, DO NOT WINCE UNDER THE COUNSEL, BUT TAKE IT.

For the preparation for such confession in the hearing of a priest, ask his advice beforehand, in the full intention of making your confession as thorough and exhaustive as possible.

Public Worship.

Before Service.

No. 1.

O LORD our heavenly Father, Who, when we would seek Thee, dost condescend to seek us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth, I beg Thy merciful acceptance of this my imperfect obedience to Thy call. Give me now, I most earnestly pray Thee, the true spirit of hearty prayer. By sad experience I fear being dull and wandering; I fear being formal and careless. Grant me now Thy Holy Spirit to keep my soul alert, disentangled from the world, pure and undistracted, simply intent on Thee. Bless the devotions of all who worship with me, of all my absent friends, and of all faithful souls in Thy Church this day. Knit us together as one company at Thy footstool. Pardon us, though we be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary. Prepare our hearts, as the heart of one man, to seek the Lord God of our fathers, and lift us up in heart and mind unto the place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, to fall down with angels before Thy throne, and worship Thee, Who liveth for ever and ever.

O Lord our Redeemer, Who ever maketh intercession for us, I humbly entreat Thee to present my prayers and praises refined and perfumed with the incense of Thy most pure and perfect intercession.

O Lord our Sanctifier, quicken my knowledge

of myself, make me to see and hate my sins, enlighten my mind to enter fully into the worship of Thy Church; grant me capacity to receive the full benefit of this means of grace, and to show forth the fruits thereof in my daily life.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, have mercy on me a great sinner! hide my imperfect service in the united voice of Thy holy Church throughout the world, that I may worthily join in glorifying the holy Name of the eternal, invisible King! Amen.

No. 2.

O LORD God most holy, O Lord most mighty, I bless Thee for the permission to join now in the worship of Thy holy Church. Turn our thoughts from all worldly and trifling things. Give us true reverence for Thy awful Presence in this Thy House, and for Thy blessed Word and Sacraments; and help us by Thy Holy Spirit to be earnest, quiet, and attentive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On Giving to the Offertory.

ACCEPT, O Lord, this offering in memorial of the ransom given for my soul by Thy blessed Son, our Lord and Saviour. In His Name only dare we appear in Thy Courts, and draw near to Thy holy Table. Reject not our worship, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord; but hide our miserable unfitness with the memorial of His Death and Passion; and [illegible]e us graciously for His sake. Amen.

On Behalf of the Officiating Clergy.

ALMIGHTY Father, I beseech Thee to accept the worship we are now about to offer. Look upon us as knit together in the communion of Saints. Bless Thy Ministers, enable them to lead this Thy service according to Thy will, and lift up all our hearts to Thee by the power of Thy Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

After Service.

NO. I.

ACCEPT, O Lord, for Thy dear Son's sake, this my feeble and unworthy contribution to the praises this day rendered by Thy Church. Forgive my sluggishness, my distraction, my imperfect apprehension of Thy glorious worship. I humbly thank Thee for being thus permitted to join in it. Grant unto me, not what I have asked, but what Thou wilt. May I go forth cleansed from the sins I have confessed, instructed, and furnished, and strengthened for a holier life, and a more diligent, self-denying service. Let me henceforward be nearer to Thee. Abide with me as I walk in the world. Give me a real and vivid perception of the communion of Saints. Give us all a comfortable, reverent sense of Thy holy Presence in us, that whatever we say, and do, and think, may be to Thy honour and glory; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

"If now, I have found favour in Thy sight, pass not away, I pray Thee, from Thy servant."

No. 2.

RECEIVE, O Lord, for Thy dear Son's sake my unworthy part in the glorious worship of Thy Church. Forgive my coldness, inattention, and imperfect understanding thereof. May Thy Presence abide with us; and make us to be doers of Thy Word and not hearers only; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 3.

O LORD, I implore Thy blessing on all who have been prevented from joining this day in Thy public worship, and Thy pardon on those who have wilfully absented themselves. O Lord, let them not altogether miss their spiritual food, and restore them speedily to the assemblies of Thy children. Especially I pray for the sorrowful and the sick, that they may be comforted by Thy Spirit, and may lift up their hearts to holy and happy places, in humble trust and penitent love; through Thy mercy, and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remember that acting with too much liberty in God's Presence injures that respectful reserve and self-restraint which is due to Him.

A Meditation on the Holy Eucharist.

"THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

The object of this Mystery is the making Memorial of the Lord Jesus Christ to the Father Which is in heaven.

To do this acceptably we must have a lively sense of the Person and Character of Him Whom we commemorate. We must therefore kindle in our hearts a holy admiration of His Goodness revealed to us in the great acts whereby He hath manifested Himself to the world. We must quicken our thankful remembrance of His Coming in the flesh to do the will of the Father, to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself, to make us partakers of Himself, His holiness, His Divine nature.

O LORD God, Almighty Father, in glad obedience to this command of Thy Blessed Son, I humbly unite myself with all saints in Thy holy Church to make the Memorial of Him, which He hath willed us to make. Open Thou the eyes of my heart that I may see Him as He hath manifested Himself in His Incarnation, in His blessed Passion, mighty Resurrection, and glorious Ascension. Help me, O Lord, by Thy Holy Spirit, to know Him and His Goodness, that I may not offend Thee in making memorial of Him, that

in all reverence and thankfulness I may make mention of His righteousness, even His only.

This Act of Memorial is the highest Act of the Church's worship.

And inasmuch as the Lord Jesus hath chiefly manifested Himself in loving devotion of Himself to the Father, our memorial worship hath always been directed to exhibit that loving self-devotion. This was commanded to be done by the solemn Sacrifices of the old Covenant, and is still commanded to be done by way of SACRIFICE. *In the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist we offer Bread and Wine to God, by the hands of the priest, as a sacrifice. And this outward sacrifice is a sign and pledge of an inward sacrifice, viz. the offering ourselves, our souls and bodies, in imitation and representation of the Lord's offering of Himself. This is our reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. We make resolutions of future service, and offer them, giving ourselves to be a spiritual sacrifice acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. And we offer our past service, such as it is, for the praise of God, as the sacrifice of praise which we offer to God continually, the fruit of our lips, viz. the fulfilment of promises of service made in Baptism, Confirmation, and former Eucharists. We offer this our sacrifice through the priest, as the deputy of the unseen High Priest, and therefore really through Christ Himself, as a sweet savour of Christ unto God, in memorial of Him, Who as the second Adam gave Himself, from Bethlehem to Gethsemane, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.*

O GOD and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, I desire to be a sweet savour of Christ unto Thee. O let me not savour the

things which be of men! I desire to exhibit and display to Thee His life living in me, by imitating what He did, doing like as He did. Thou hast called me to the fellowship of Thy Son, I pray Thee by Thy faithfulness to accept me as a member incorporate in His Mystical Body. Permit me now, in the power of His life, to say with Him, "Not my will, but Thine, be done." Oh for the wretchedness of my sacrifice! Oh that I should be permitted, invited, commanded, to bring myself before Thee in commemoration of my Lord!

We offer ourselves, not singly, but as members of the One Body of Christ. We all contribute to the united act of the whole Church offering herself in memorial of her Lord.

THANKS be to Thee, O God, for this proof and seal of my adoption, that Thou dost allow me to bear a part in this act of Thy Church, which my Lord hath purchased with His Blood, which He loveth and cherisheth as a man doth his own flesh. Oh, may my individual offering be hidden in the great oblation of the Catholic Church! May it be accepted in her sacrifice of thanksgiving, in her grateful acknowledgment of His wonderful and glorious self-devotion!

Secondly, after we have done our part, in OFFERING *sacrifice, then God graciously performs His part, in the* CONSUMPTION *of the sacrifice, which He has accepted through Christ.*

Outwardly, God gives back, by the hands of His priests, to be consumed by the worshippers,

the Bread and Wine which has been offered to Him. He does this as a sacrament, i.e. *He therein imparts an inward and spiritual gift. He invites the members of Christ who have joined in offering the memorial of their Head, to come up to His Board, to enter into higher communion with Him, to share with Him His ineffable satisfaction in accepting the Offering of the* whole *Mystical Body, to receive back from Him, not only what they have brought, but infinitely more. He will not separate the sacrifice of the Body from that inestimable Offering of the Head of which it is the memorial. In this holy mystery He gives us Christ Himself, the true Bread from heaven. He renews the baptismal Gift. He revives in us the Life of the Son, the second Adam, that we may live by Him, even as He lives by the Father.*

O LORD and heavenly Father, what am I to come to Thy holy Table for such a Gift as this? All that I can bring, all that the whole Church can bring, is as nothing compared with that which Thou dost now offer us.

Oh, let the sacred Body and Blood of my Lord and Saviour so strengthen and refresh His life in me, that henceforth the natural man may be powerless, that I may live entirely devoted to Thee.

I humbly bow down myself before my Lord present with us in Body, Soul, and Spirit, in His Divine and Human Nature, one Christ. Blessed be He that cometh in the Name of the Lord!

"Moreover, the unity of the Church's offering

to God is maintained in the unity of God's Gift to the Church. In giving us to eat of the one Bread, and to drink of the one Cup, He recognises us individually as belonging to the Mystical Body, He places us in closest communion with the whole Church militant and at rest.

We communicate with one another in reception, as we did previously in oblation.

IN brotherly kindness and perfect charity with all men, I come to Thy altar, O God, to be in communion with the Body of Christ as well as with Himself and Thee. Away with all irritation and anger! May I be perfectly reconciled with my brethren before I come to offer my gift. May this communion be a seal of my acceptance in the Body of Christ, an assurance of my place in the blessed company of the faithful.

And for the whole of this awful privilege of access to the majesty of God—for the first part, wherein we present ourselves in contribution to the memorial made to the Father of His Son—and for the second part, wherein God gives us the very Body and Blood of Christ our Lord—for all, we must prepare ourselves individually by cleansing ourselves diligently from all taint of unrepented and unforgiven sin and uncharitableness, which would mar our offering, and would render us absolutely unworthy to receive the Gift of God.

O LORD our heavenly Father, I bow down myself before Thy throne to acknowledge my utter, but not hopeless, unworthiness of this double honour. I know

that every sacrifice must be without blemish. I come to Thee now to pray and beseech Thee to cleanse me, to heal me, to perfect me to be without blemish of uncleanness and sin. I know that none must come to Thy festival except in the wedding garment of a conscience cleared and quiet. I come to Thee now for pardon, and absolution, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I solemnly plead His Death and Passion, His Atonement for the sins of the whole world, as the universal sin-offering, without which I dare not appear before Thee with my offering of thanksgiving. I beseech Thee now to accept me as ransomed by His life; to see Him in me crucified and dead unto sin: and then, O Father, do Thou so conform me to His image by the Gift of His Body and Blood, that Thou mayest see Him in me offering Himself acceptably to do Thy will, O God.

Let a man examine himself before he dare approach this crowning act of earthly worship. And if he cannot quiet his own conscience, let him go privately to the priest for help.

HELP me now, O God, to search out the leaven of malice and wickedness in my heart, and speech, and deeds.

Grant me the bright light of Thy Holy Spirit to pierce through all veils and excuses. Give me courage to drag out all that is offensive, to lay it down under the Cross of the Lord.

I beseech God the Holy Ghost to purify me wholly. It seems impossible. But with God all things are possible—even this! Show forth Thy almighty power, O God, and give

me purity and peace, that I may be worthy to be offered! worthy to receive my God!

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.[1]

Preparatory Prayers.

No. 1.

O GOD, I kneel before Thee to entreat Thy special help to prepare myself for this greatest privilege of the regenerate man. I pray that Thy Holy Spirit may guide and strengthen me to examine myself—whether I repent me truly of my former sins, steadfastly purposing to lead a new life—whether I have a lively faith in God's mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of His Death—and whether I am in charity with all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.[2]

No. 2.

ALMIGHTY God, Who openest Thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness, Who art the true and living Bread that came down from heaven, in the strength whereof we must go all the days of our life through the wilderness of the world, until we come to the mount of God; I acknowledge that I can do no good thing of myself, that I cannot come to Thee except Thou draw me. I beseech Thee, that as Thou hast given me a good will, so Thou wouldst enable

[1] For matter of fuller Meditation on the Holy Eucharist, the reader is referred to the author's work on "The Catholic Sacrifice."

[2] For devotions of Self-Examination and Confession, see p. 28, etc.

me to perform it. Let me come near to Thee, O Blessed Lord, in these Mysteries. Grant me so to receive Thy dear Son that everything impure in me may be cleansed, everything weak strengthened; and that, dedicating myself wholly to Thee, I may turn away mine eyes from all vanities, and be quickened in Thy holy obedience. So that, pleasing Thee both in body and soul, I may attain to the exceeding great and eternal reward which Thou dost promise me in Thyself. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 3.

ALMIGHTY Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast of Thine infinite mercy vouchsafed to ordain this perpetual memorial of Thyself; grant me with such diligent remembrance and due reverence to assist in the holy celebration of so heavenly and wonderful a Mystery, that I may be made worthy by Thy grace to receive all that Thou givest herein, even the fulness of Thy Body and Blood. And this I beg only from Thy mercy, Who art my Saviour, and Redeemer, and most gracious God, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.

Acts of Penitence.

No. 1.

O LORD my Saviour, Who wast pleased to be made perfect through suffering, and for our sakes didst taste the depths of bitterness, and make trial of extreme human woe; I adore Thy infinite love and compassion, which brought Thee to such unutterable sufferings for us most guilty sinners. For me didst Thou suffer the

agony in the garden, when Thy soul was exceeding sorrowful, even unto death, and Thy sweat was as great drops of blood. For me didst Thou endure the odious kiss of the traitor, and the forsaking of Thy chosen disciples.

For me wast Thou falsely accused, and unjustly condemned. For me wast Thou mocked, and struck, and spit upon. For me didst Thou wear the sharp crown of piercing thorns. For me was Thy sacred flesh mangled with the scourge. For me didst Thou go forth bearing the Cross, until Thou didst sink under the load.

For me didst Thou hang in mortal agony upon the Cross, the nails rending Thy sacred hands and feet.

For me didst Thou endure the terrible hiding of Thy Father's Face, the awful death-struggle, the parting asunder of Soul and Body.

O Lord our God and Saviour, Who didst so love me in Thy perfect love, kindle in my heart a spark of like love and self-devotion. Make me glad to be made like unto Thee, if it be Thy will, by sharing in Thy suffering and walking in Thy path of pain. And make me willing to bear all things gladly for Thy sake, Who now reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

No. 2 (*for Lent*).

O MOST holy Lord Jesus, Who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights, and didst teach us that fasting hath great power with God, I humbly implore Thy acceptance of my humiliation during these forty days.

O Lord, I desire to keep this season in honour of Thee, in imitation of Thy Saints, in obedience to Thy Church. I desire to employ

it in the practice of indignation against myself, in striving earnestly for a deeper knowledge of Thee. I desire sorrowfully to lay before Thee all my miserable defects and crying sins, all my need of pardon. I desire to show Thee my weakness, to deliver it to be made perfect in Thy strength. I desire to judge and condemn myself that I be not judged and condemned by Thee, to correct myself that Thou mayest spare me, to abhor myself that Thou mayest pity me, to die to the world that I may rise with Thee.

O Lord, I desire to acknowledge Thee before men now, that Thou mayest fulfil Thy promise of acknowledging me before angels hereafter. Amen.

Wherefore, O Lord, I beseech Thee, help me to meditate upon Thy Life and Thy Death, to make most grateful return of love to Thee, in serious and systematic obedience, in diligent imitation of Thy holy self-denial, Thy wonderful unselfishness. Help me to search my heart, to discover and root out my corrupt inclinations, to empty myself of my vanity. Help me to strive against my infirmities, to fight vigorously against my temptations, especially. . . . Amen.

Give me, therefore, I beseech Thee, facilities for retirement, and the skill of profitable meditation. Give me health for such abstinence that the flesh may be subdued to the spirit. Deliver me from distractions of vain company, from disturbance of body and mind, from everything which may impede me in my Lenten duty. Give me opportunities of active charity, of relieving the poor, of comforting the afflicted. And when I am brought into contact with vice or frivolity, use me, O Lord, as Thy instrument

to check and discourage it. Make me to honour Thee henceforth as much as I have dishonoured Thee heretofore. Make me to please Thee as much as I have displeased Thee. Amen.

Oh that Thou wouldst deign to make me a signal channel of Thy Almighty working! that from the depths of my feebleness some glory may accrue to the strength of Thy goodness. Amen.

Bless the means of grace to me. Let my private devotions so fit and dispose me for Thy ordinances of public worship that these may be profitable to me. And especially, I pray Thy blessing upon my preparation for the Holy Sacrament of Thy Body and Blood, that having chastised myself by voluntary humiliation, I may come forth to Thy Table so cleansed and restored by Thy Spirit, that I may be counted worthy to make memorial of Thee, and to receive Thee afresh into my heart, there to dwell in me, and be one with me for ever and ever, O blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise."

Act of Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

O MERCIFUL God, Who hast regenerated me by Thy Holy Spirit, Who hast received me for Thine own child, and incorporated me into Thy Holy Church; I desire now to renew unto Thee the solemn promise and vow that was made in my name at my baptism.

I renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all cove-

tous desires of the same, and the carnal desires of the flesh, so that I will not follow nor be led by them.

I steadfastly believe in God the Father, *etc.*

I will obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and will walk in the same all the days of my life.

And humbly I beseech Thee to grant that I, being dead unto sin and living unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in His Death, may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and that, as I have been made partaker of His Death, I may also be partaker of His Resurrection; so that finally, with the residue of Thy Holy Church, I may be an inheritor of Thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Acts of Self-Oblation.

No. 1.

I DESIRE, O my God, entirely to resign my will unto Thy Will. I desire to give myself to Thy service, to be one with Thee, inseparably and everlastingly. I pray that the old man, which is at enmity with Thee, may be crucified and mortified, dead and buried, utterly purged out from me, and that the new man may grow up into perfect conformity to my Lord and Saviour, and Redeemer and Master. I humbly propose to do whatever Thou wilt set before me to be done, contentedly and diligently, trusting to Thy strength, and to Thy compassion and indulgence, in not being extreme to mark what is done amiss; and I absolutely resign all self-seeking, all vainglory, all personal satisfaction in my work. I offer it all to Thee, O Lord, as

my poor and pitiful contribution to Thy supreme glory, in union with the oblation of my Lord, Thy Son Jesus Christ. And I beseech Thee, O Lord, to accept it for His sake only, to exalt and sanctify my energies, to refine my motives, and to give me power for Thy work, by Thy Holy Spirit, all the days of my life. Amen.

No. 2.

O LORD, I desire earnestly to acquiesce in Thy blessed will, and to yield to it my desires—yea, even my own plans for the happiness of those about me, and for doing good to men. Make me simply content to work out Thy purposes in the dark, trusting all successful results to Thee, and fixing my hopes entirely in the next world, both for myself and them. Lord, I desire to follow the course which Thou shalt mark out, whether of independence or of obedience to others. Remove from me my obstinacy and self-will, and make me now wholly intent on worshipping and serving Thee in the communion of Saints, as I trust we may worship and serve Thee hereafter; through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

No. 3.

I PRESENT and offer unto Thee, O Lord, myself and all that is mine, my words and my actions, my silence and my rest. Only do Thou sustain and lead me! Move Thou my hand and my tongue, my heart and my mind, to whatever is honest, and faithful, and well-pleasing to Thee, and withdraw me from everything from which I ought to abstain; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

No. 4.

O LORD Jesus, Whom only I desire to serve, Who acceptest every offering of love, Thou knowest that I love Thee. Accept the offering which I bring to Thee now of my service rendered (or intended) to Thy poor on . . . Accept its fatigue, its self-denial, its inconveniences. Unite it with Thine own holy labours and sufferings. I would that it were better, and cost me more, and were more thoroughly done for Thy love. But pardon its defects, receive it, and perfume it with Thy intercession. Present it for me, in memorial of Thyself, and to the glory of the Father, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, for ever. Amen.

No. 5.

I GIVE myself unto Thee, O Father, as an unworthy sacrifice. I would fain fuse my sacrifice into the united sacrifice of the Catholic Church. I call to mind with humble reverence and admiration the Offering which Thy blessed Son made to Thee in His Incarnation, and above all in His Death. I call to mind His love for Thee in glorifying Thee by saving and infinitely exalting us human beings. I call to mind His love for me in redeeming me, in electing me, in regenerating me. I desire to make memorial to Thee of Him, and of His love, by imitating His self-devotion, as a member of His Body.

For this purpose I now give myself unto Thee in this Eucharistic sacrifice. I give all my heart, all my powers of thought, of speech, of action. I most humbly repudiate all vainglory in what Thy strength has enabled me to do to Thy honour.

I turn my eyes from all that may feed my self-esteem, from all earthly things that can reward me here. I shut my ears to the praise of men. I seek only the honour that comes from Thee. I dread robbing Thee of any of that which I now profess to give wholly to Thee, by selling any part of it for the honour of men. I give myself to Thee, O Father, by the power of the Holy Ghost. Oh, do Thou accept me; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Metrical Prayer.

O FATHER, Who didst graciously
Thy Son, Thy best beloved, give
A ransom for our sins to be,
And food whereby our souls might live;

Grant me in mercy to prepare
For this blest feast, in holy dread;
That I, through faith, in Christ may share,
And heart and soul on Him be fed.

Purge Thou my conscience and my mind,
And wash me throughly from my sin,
That when He cometh, Christ may find
A vessel sweet and clean within.

Strengthen my faith, my hope enlarge,
And light the fires of perfect love;
Mine erring soul make Thine own charge;
Hallow my body from above.

Lift up my heart above the sky,
Where dwelleth He Who bought me dear.
With bread of heaven satisfy;
Give faith to love, and faith to fear.

Give faith, that for His Passion's sake
Against me Thou rememberest nought—
Faith, that I freely do partake
The life which by His Death He bought.

Faith, that my Lord and God will come
To dwell for ever in my breast,
His Holy Spirit lead me home
To endless joy and heavenly rest.

Then let me never more profane
The house where He vouchsafes to be,
Nor by unholy action stain
A vessel consecrate to Thee.

Introductory Collects.

No. 1.

O LORD God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, I plead His invitation and command to come to this great Mystery. I humbly cast myself on the virtue of His Atonement. I dare appear before Thee only as ransomed by His Death and Passion. I acknowledge myself unworthy to bring an offering in memorial of Him; I acknowledge that I am utterly unworthy to represent Him; I acknowledge that I am unworthy to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table.

For His sake I pray Thee to overlook my insufficient preparation, to cleanse me from my manifold infirmities and stains, to supply my miserable insufficiency. For His sake I pray Thee to sanctify me by Thy Holy Spirit for this awful act of worship.

Give me, I beseech Thee, hearty repentance

of my sins, earnest desire of amendment, and full determination to serve Thee diligently and unreservedly. Give me a most thankful remembrance of His great Love in becoming man for our sakes, in dying for us. Give me true brotherly love for all my brethren; and so receive me in spite of my unworthiness, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 2.

O BLESSED Lord Jesus Christ, I desire to obey Thy dying command. I adore Thee most reverently, as invited into Thy real Presence in these Thy Mysteries.

Enlighten me, I beseech Thee, to discern herein Thy Body and my own unworthiness. Fill me with awe of Thy wonderful devotion to the Will of the Father, and of Thy wonderful Love in dying for our sakes.

I desire, O Lord, most humbly to offer myself, in union with Thy whole Church, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice, the memorial of Thee offering Thyself to the Father.

I desire most humbly to taste of the heavenly joy over Thy Incarnation; to receive anew the mysterious and inestimable Gift of Thy Body and Blood into my spirit, soul, and body, that Thy life may be renewed in me, that Thou mayest wholly occupy me, and dwell in me henceforth in all Thy strength and holiness.

I desire also to be in closest living communion with Thy holy Church universal, both militant and at rest. Enable me to fulfil these my desires, O Lord, for Thy love. Amen.

No. 3.

LORD God, Almighty Father, we glorify Thee for all the mighty works that Thou hast

done through Thy Wisdom, the true Light, Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord, and God, and Saviour, Jesus Christ. By Him, O Lord, we offer to Thee, and Him, and the Holy Ghost, this reasonable and bloodless thank-service, which all nations offer to Thee, O Lord, from sunrising to sunsetting, from north and south.

For great is Thy Name in all nations, and in every place incense and sacrifice is offered to Thy holy Name. Amen.

On behalf of Celebrant.

O GOD, Who dost look upon our humble estate with pity and compassion, Who dost appoint men, lowly, and sinful, and undeserving, as we all confess ourselves to be, to stand before Thy holy glory, and to minister at Thy holy altar; do Thou strengthen Thy priest by Thy grace, rightly to perform this service, and especially that he may call down the power of the Holy Ghost upon this our sacrifice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On behalf of Fellow-Worshippers.

O EVERLASTING King, Creator of all the world, receive Thy Church coming to Thee through Thy Christ. Fulfil to each one of us that which is good for him. Bring all to perfection by Thy sanctifying grace. And gather us safely in Thy holy Church, which Thou hast purchased with the precious Blood of Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, with Whom, and Thy most holy and life-giving Spirit, Thou art blessed and glorified, now and for ever. Amen.

Order of the Holy Eucharist.

OUR Father, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Collect for Purity.

ALMIGHTY God, unto Whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GOD spake these words, and said; I am the Lord thy God: thou shalt have none other gods but Me.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not

bow down to them, nor worship them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me, and show mercy unto thousands in them that love Me, and keep My commandments.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, *etc.*

Minister. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh His Name in vain.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, *etc.*

Minister. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, *etc.*

Minister. Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long in the land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, *etc.*

Minister. Thou shalt do no murder.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, *etc.*

Minister. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, *etc.*

Minister. Thou shalt not steal.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, *etc.*

Minister. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, *etc.*

Minister. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is his.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

Collects for the Queen.

ALMIGHTY God, Whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite; have mercy upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of Thy chosen Servant *VICTORIA*, our Queen and Governor, that she (knowing Whose minister she is) may above all things seek Thy honour and glory: and that we, and all her subjects (duly considering Whose authority she hath) may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey her, in Thee, and for Thee, according to Thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Or,

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we are taught by Thy holy Word, that the hearts of Kings are in Thy rule and governance, and that Thou dost dispose and turn them as it seemeth best to Thy godly wisdom: we humbly beseech Thee so to dispose and govern the heart of *VICTORIA* Thy Servant, our Queen and Governor, that, in all her thoughts, words, and works, she may ever seek Thy honour and glory, and study to preserve Thy people committed to her charge, in wealth, peace, and godliness: Grant this, O merciful Father, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Collect.

The Epistle.

The Gospel.

I BELIEVE in one God; the Father, Almighty; maker of heaven and earth; and of all things visible and invisible: and in one Lord Jesus Christ; the only-begotten Son of God; begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; very God of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven;

and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary; and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead; and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Offertory Sentences.

LET your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father Which is in heaven.

Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon the earth; where the rust and moth doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven; where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal.

Whatsoever ye would that men should do

unto you, even so do unto them; for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father Which is in heaven.

Zacchæus stood forth, and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have done any wrong to any man, I restore fourfold.

Who goeth a warfare at any time of his own cost? Who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? Or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?

If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we shall reap your worldly things?

Do ye not know, that they who minister about holy things live of the sacrifice; and they who wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord also ordained, that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.

He that soweth little shall reap little; and he that soweth plenteously shall reap plenteously. Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Let him that is taught in the Word minister unto him that teacheth, in all good things. Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he reap.

While we have time, let us do good unto all men; and specially unto them that are of the household of faith.

Godliness is great riches, if a man be content with that he hath: for we brought nothing into the world, neither may we carry anything out.

Charge them who are rich in this world, that they be ready to give, and glad to distribute; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may attain eternal life.

God is not unrighteous, that He will forget your works, and labour that proceedeth of love; which love ye have showed for His Name's sake, who have ministered unto the Saints, and yet do minister.

To do good, and to distribute, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

Give alms of thy goods, and never turn thy face from any poor man; and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.

Be merciful after thy power. If thou hast much, give plenteously: if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little: for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity.

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto

the Lord: and look, what he layeth out, it shall be paid him again.

Blessed be the man that provideth for the sick and needy: the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.

The Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church Militant here in Earth.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, Who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men; we humbly beseech Thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto Thy Divine Majesty; beseeching Thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord. And grant, that all they that do confess Thy holy Name may agree in the truth of Thy holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love. We beseech Thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and specially Thy Servant *VICTORIA* our Queen; that under her we may be godly and quietly governed. And grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth

Thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy Sacraments. And to all Thy people give Thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive Thy holy Word; truly serving Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech Thee of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless Thy holy Name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

The Exhortation.

DEARLY beloved in the Lord, ye that mind to come to the holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ, must consider how Saint Paul exhorteth all persons diligently to try and examine themselves, before they presume to eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup. For as the benefit is great, if with a true penitent heart and lively faith we receive that holy Sacrament; (for then we spiritually eat the Flesh of Christ, and drink His Blood; then we dwell in Christ, and Christ in us; we are

one with Christ, and Christ with us ;) so is the danger great, if we receive the same unworthily. For then we are guilty of the Body and Blood of Christ our Saviour ; we eat and drink our own damnation, not considering the Lord's Body ; we kindle God's wrath against us ; we provoke Him to plague us with divers diseases and sundry kinds of death. Judge therefore yourselves, brethren, that ye be not judged of the Lord ; repent you truly for your sins past ; have a lively and steadfast faith in Christ our Saviour ; amend your lives, and be in perfect charity with all men ; so shall ye be meet partakers of those holy Mysteries. And above all things ye must give most humble and hearty thanks to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, for the redemption of the world by the Death and Passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and man ; Who did humble Himself, even to the death upon the Cross, for us miserable sinners, who lay in darkness and the shadow of death ; that He might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life. And to the end that we should alway remember the exceeding great love of our Master, and only Saviour, Jesus Christ, thus dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which by His precious blood-shedding He hath obtained to us ; He hath instituted and ordained holy Mysteries, as pledges of His love, and for a continual remembrance of His Death, to our great and endless comfort. To Him therefore, with the Father

and the Holy Ghost, let us give (as we are most bounden) continual thanks; submitting ourselves wholly to His holy will and pleasure, and studying to serve Him in true holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. Amen.

The Invitation.

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways; draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

The General Confession.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against Thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past;

And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please Thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of Thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Who of His great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Him, have mercy upon you; PARDON and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Comfortable Words.

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to Him.

COME unto Me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

So God loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins.

The Canon.

Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Proper Prefaces.

Upon CHRISTMAS DAY, *and seven days after.*

BECAUSE Thou didst give Jesus Christ Thine only Son to be born as at this time for us; Who, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary His mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin.

Upon EASTER DAY, *and seven days after.*

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise Thee for the glorious Resurrection of Thy Son

Jesus Christ our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, Which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; Who by His Death hath destroyed death, and by His Rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

Upon ASCENSION DAY, *and seven days after.*

THROUGH Thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; Who after His most glorious Resurrection manifestly appeared to all His Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where He is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with Him in glory.

Upon WHITSUNDAY, *and six days after.*

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord; according to Whose most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down as at this time from heaven with a sudden great sound, as it had been a mighty wind, in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth; giving them both the gift of divers languages, and also boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel unto all nations; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of Thee, and of Thy Son Jesus Christ.

Upon the Feast of TRINITY *only.*

WHO art one God, one Lord; not one only Person, but three Persons in one Substance. For that which we believe of the glory of the Father, the same we believe of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, without any difference or inequality.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore praising Thee, and saying—

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High. Amen.

The Prayer of Humble Access.

WE do not presume to come to this Thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table. But Thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His Body, and our souls washed through His most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

The Prayer of Consecration.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Who of Thy tender mercy didst give Thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; Who made there (by His one oblation of Himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in His holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that His precious Death, until His coming again; hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech Thee; and grant that we receiving these Thy creatures of Bread and Wine, according to Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His Death and Passion, may be partakers of His most blessed Body and Blood: Who, in the same night that He was betrayed, took Bread; and, when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is My Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of Me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is My Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of Me. Amen.

Private Eucharistic Acts.

No. 1.

O ALMIGHTY Father, look upon us, we beseech Thee, as very members of that Body of Christ which we offer to Thee, as one with Him in this reasonable sacrifice which we bring in memorial of Him. We offer to Thee, O God, this Bread and this Cup; we beseech Thee, look mercifully upon these our gifts set before Thee, and favourably receive them for the honour of Thy Christ.

We bring to remembrance before Thee, we plead for the forgiveness of our unworthiness, the Mystery of His holy Incarnation, His holy Nativity and Circumcision, His Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation, His Agony and Bloody Sweat, His Cross and Passion, His precious Death and Burial, His glorious Resurrection and Ascension. Accept these, O Lord, in atonement for our innumerable sins, and seal our forgiveness in these holy Mysteries, that we may offer ourselves to Thee, O Lord, without spot and blemish, as one with Him Who did no sin, and gave Himself wholly to do Thy Will, and now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. Amen.

No. 2.

O SOVEREIGN Lord Almighty, we sinners come to make remembrance of Thy only-begotten Son Jesus Christ our Lord; we commemorate His saving Cross, His Death, His Resurrection on the third day, His Ascension into heaven, His sitting on Thy right hand O God our Father, His second coming with

glory and terror to judge the quick and the dead, when He will repay each one according to our works.

We offer to Thee, O sovereign Lord, this awful and bloodless sacrifice, beseeching Thee not to deal with us according to our sins, not to repay us according to our transgressions; but in Thy loving-kindness and unspeakable tenderness to pass over and blot out the handwriting of ordinances which are against us, and to grant unto us Thy heavenly and eternal gifts, which eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive what Thou hast prepared, O Lord, for them that love Thee.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, and send upon us, and upon these our offerings, Thy most Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; that by the power of His all-holy and glorious Presence He may hallow and make this Bread to be the holy Body of Thy Christ, and this Cup to be the precious Blood of Thy Christ. And grant, O Lord, accordingly, that all we who partake thereof may receive the same for the remission of sins, for eternal life, for the sanctification of our souls and bodies, and for the bringing forth of good works. Amen.

No. 3.

LOOK down, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, from Thy holy dwelling-place, and from the throne of Thy glorious kingdom; and come and sanctify us, O Thou Who sittest on high with the Father, and art here invisibly present with us, and deign with Thy Almighty Hand to distribute to us of Thy spotless Body and precious Blood. Amen.

No. 4.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, I do give unto Thee most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all Thy Saints from the beginning of the world. And chiefly in the glorious and most blessed Virgin Mary, mother of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and God; and in the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, whose examples, O Lord, and steadfastness in Thy faith, and keeping Thy holy commandments, grant us to follow. I commend unto Thy mercy, O Lord, all other Thy servants which are departed hence from us, and now do rest in the sleep of peace. Grant unto them, I beseech Thee, Thy mercy and everlasting peace, and that at the day of the general resurrection, I and all they which be of the Mystical Body of Thy Son may all together be set on His right hand, and hear that His most joyful voice: "Come unto Me, all ye that be blessed of My Father, and possess the kingdom which is prepared for you from the beginning of the world." Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

O God, heavenly Father, hear me, I beseech Thee, and with Thy Holy Spirit and Word vouchsafe to bless and sanctify these Thy gifts and creatures of Bread and Wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of Thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ.

O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of Thy dearly beloved Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, Thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here, before Thy Divine Majesty, with these Thy holy gifts, the memorial which Thy Son hath willed us to make; having

in remembrance His blessed Passion, mighty Resurrection, and glorious Ascension; rendering unto Thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same; entirely desiring Thy Fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

And here I offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, by the hands of Thy priest, and through my Lord and Saviour, myself, my soul and body, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto Thee; humbly beseeching Thee, that when I shall be partaker of this holy Communion, I may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and be fulfilled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, and, with all here present, may be made one Body with Thy Son Jesus Christ, that He may dwell in us, and we in Him. And although we be unworthy (through our manifold sins) to offer unto Thee any sacrifice; yet I beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, and command these our prayers and supplications, by the ministry of Thy holy Angels, to be brought up into Thy holy tabernacle, before the sight of Thy Divine Majesty, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by Whom, and with Whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

Sentences from the Psalms.

To be used before Communicating.

GOD is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the Saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about Him.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord, or who shall stand in the holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart, he shall receive the blessing from the Lord.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God; let all that are round about Him bring presents unto Him that ought to be feared.

Offer unto God thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High.

I will go into Thy House with burnt offerings. I will pay Thee my vows which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.

O send out Thy Light and Thy Truth; let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy tabernacles. Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy.

Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us.

When Thou saidst, Seek ye My face, my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

I will wash mine hands in innocency, O Lord; so will I compass Thine altar.

Quicken me after Thy loving-kindness. Accept, I beseech Thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord.

Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart.

They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me; and to him that ordereth his conversation right will I show the salvation of God.

Truly God is loving unto Israel, even unto such as are of a clean heart.

He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, as showers that water the earth.

Mine eyes are unto Thee, O Lord; in Thee is my trust. Leave not my soul destitute.

Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?

Can He give bread also?

Oh, when wilt Thou come unto me!

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

I am the Lord thy God. Open thy mouth wide, and I shall fill it.

I will satisfy her poor with bread: I will also clothe her priests with salvation; and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits towards me?

I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble. The Name of the God of Jacob defend thee; send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion; remember all Thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.

Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest, and causest to approach unto Thee, that he may dwell in Thy courts; we shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy House, even of Thy holy Temple.

My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

Prayer immediately before Communicating.

O LORD our Father, I have sinned against Heaven, and before Thee, and except I eat the Flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His Blood, I have no life in me. I beseech Thee, therefore, to give me that Bread of Heaven, that I may eat thereof, and not die, for His sake. Amen.

The Words of Administration.

THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on Him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

THE Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

The Post Communion.

OUR Father, *etc.*

The Thanksgivings.

O LORD and heavenly Father, we Thy humble servants entirely desire Thy Fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our

sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching Thee to grant, that by the merits and Death of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in His Blood, we and all Thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of His Passion. And here we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto Thee; humbly beseeching Thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy Communion, may be fulfilled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by Whom, and with Whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

Or this.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank Thee, for that Thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy Mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of Thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the Mystical Body of Thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are 'so heirs through hope of Thy everlasting king-

dom, by the merits of the most precious Death and Passion of Thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with Thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis.

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good-will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Peace and Blessing.

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in

the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Sentences from the Psalms.

To be used after Communicating.

I WILL sing unto the Lord, because He hath dealt bountifully with me.

The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth.

O Lord my God, I cried unto Thee, and Thou hast healed me.

Oh, how great is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee, which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee before the sons of men.

Thou shalt hide them in the secret of Thy Presence from the pride of men. Thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

Thou shalt make them drink of the river of Thy pleasures, for with Thee is the fountain of life.

Be Thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort.

Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

In the multitude of my thoughts within me Thy comforts delight my soul.

O my soul, Thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Who forgiveth all thy iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; Who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy strength is renewed like the eagle's.

My flesh and my heart faileth, but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved.

This is my rest for ever; here will I dwell, for I have desired it.

Thanksgivings after Communion.

To be used before or after the Post Communion, as time will permit.

No. 1.

O LORD our Father, Thou hast lovingly allowed me to commemorate Thy dear Son, to share in His self-devotion. Thou hast lovingly allowed me to share in the joy which reigns over it. Thou hast lovingly allowed me to share in His strength and holiness, by again giving Him to us.

Allow me now, for Thy dear love, to go forth to glorify Thee in my life, in all the good works which Thou hast prepared for me to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 2.

O LORD God Almighty, Who hast deigned to receive me at Thy Table; grant that this sacred Communion in the Body and Blood of Thy dear Son may be my guide and my food for my journey through life. May it be to me a consolation when I am harassed, a fountain of happy love in time of exultation, of patience in tribulation and distress. By these sacred Mysteries grant to me a right faith, a firm hope, and ardent love for Thee.

Grant me strength to renounce the world, most tender sympathy for the Passion of my Lord, and such purity of desire that my unruly will and affections may only seek that which Thou dost promise.

And if it please Thee to renew this gift to me when my departure is near at hand, grant that I may then receive it with certain hope, and sure confidence in Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 3.

WE give thanks to Thee, O sovereign Lord God, for this participation in Thy holy, spotless, immortal, and heavenly Mysteries, which Thou hast given to us for the benefit, and sanctification, and salvation of our souls and bodies. We pray and beseech Thee, O good Lord, for Thy love to us, grant that this Communion of the holy Body and precious Blood of Thy only-begotten Son may secure for us faith that maketh not ashamed, love unfeigned, the fulness of piety, the putting the adversary to flight, the accomplishment of Thy commandments, the provision for eternal life, and an acceptable plea at the awful tribunal of Thy Christ; through Whom, and with Whom, be glory and strength to Thee and to the Holy Ghost for ever. Amen.

O GREAT King, Who rulest with the Father, Who by Thy strength didst despoil hell, and didst tread death under Thy feet, Who didst bind the strong man, and raise up human nature from the tomb by Thy Divine power, and by the light-giving splendour of Thy ineffable Godhead; we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the Communion of Thy spotless Body and precious Blood, do Thou stretch forth Thy invisible right hand full of blessings, and bless us all. Have pity on us, strengthen us by Thy Divine power, take from us all evil and sinful working of fleshly desire, clear the eyes of our understanding from th

blinding darkness of sin, and unite us to the blessed company of those that are well-pleasing to Thee; to Whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and strength, and worship and thanksgiving, now and for ever. Amen.

No. 4.

I GIVE Thee thanks, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty, Eternal God, Who hast renewed me by the participation of the most holy Body and Blood of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ. And I pray that this Sacrament of our salvation which I, a most unworthy sinner, have received, may not turn to my condemnation, as I have justly deserved; but that it may be to the perfecting of body and soul for eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 5.

THANKS be to Thee, most loving Lord Jesus Christ, Who art the true Light, the Salvation of the faithful, the Consolation of the sad, the Hope of all, the Joy of Angels, for that Thou hast condescended this day to feed me Thy servant, miserable sinner that I am, with Thy most holy Body and Blood. I implore Thee, O Lord, that this awful Communion may bring down no judgment upon me, but may so protect me against all the snares of evil, that henceforth no iniquity may hold rule in my heart, my body, my soul, or my senses; until I come to the everlasting festival of heaven, through Thy merits. Amen.

No. 6.

O BLESSED Lord Jesus, Who hast this day vouchsafed to come under my roof, I most humbly beseech Thee, leave me not, but

Abide with me for ever.

Precious above the price of the whole world is every word which Thou speakest to my soul; oh, increase those words, I beseech Thee,

and

Abide with me for ever.

Abide with me, Lord, for without Thee this world's light, and all its joys, have but a false glare, cold and comfortless to my soul.

Abide with me, Lord, in all I think, say, do, fear, hope, and enjoy.

I fear my own unsteadfastness. Abide with me, Lord, and unite me to Thy majestic steadiness.

The foe is strong, and I, through my sins, am very weak. Abide with me, Lord, and be Thou my strength.

I am ever subject to ebb and flow, and change.

Abide with me, Lord, with Whom is no change.

The pleasures of the world lead me from Thee.

Abide with me, Lord, and be my delight.

The troubles of this world shake my endurance.

Abide with me, Lord; bear them in me, as Thou didst bear them for me.

I am often distressed with outward things and manifold temptations.

Abide with me, Lord, for I commit my way to Thee.

I often sin in thought, and word, and deed.

Abide with me, Lord, and help me to feel the power of Thy advocacy with the Father, of Thy propitiation for our sins.

I often despond, and fear I shall fall.

Abide with me, Lord, and make me feel Thy nearness.

Be Thou my Refreshment in weariness, my Comfort in trouble, my Refuge in temptation, in death my Life, in judgment my Redeemer.

Abide with me always, that I may abide in Thee, O God of my salvation. Amen.

The good Lord pardon every one that prepareth his heart to seek God, the Lord God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary. Amen.

Acts of Praise.

No. 1.

O LORD, my God, I glorify Thee, I give Thee thanks. For my life, my reason, my preservation, my guidance, my sustenance, my parents.

For my education, my being placed in this country, my admission to the Church.

For my redemption, regeneration. For the gift of the Holy Ghost, for my instruction in the truth. For the voice of Thy calling repeated often, again and again.

For Thy patience, long-suffering, Thy very long forbearance . . . even the last, when I was once more spared. . . .

For Thy mercy in cleansing me so often from the leprosy of sin.

For all the benefits I have received from man.

For all my undertakings which have prospered.

For all the little good I may have miserably done.

For the enjoyment of present activity of body or mind.

For Thy promises, and my hope of the treasure in heaven.

For my benefactors, never to be forgotten; for my relatives, my dear friends, my brothers and sisters in the faith, I praise and glorify Thee, O God.

Again I praise Thee, O God, for all those who by their writings, sermons, prayers, example, reproofs, encouragements, have done me good.

For all these are Thy gifts, O Lord! to Thee be the glory of all!

Lord, what is man, that Thou visitest him? And what am I among men, that Thou shouldst have given me all these things?

What reward shall I give unto the Lord for all the benefits that He hath done unto me!

I can, and I will, receive the cup of salvation.

I can, and I will, call upon the Name of the Lord. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honour, and power. For Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are, and were created. Amen.

No. 2.

THOU art worthy, O Lord, to receive power,
And riches, and wisdom, and strength,
And honour, and glory, and blessing.
Blessed be Thy glorious Name.

For Thy good soldiers in every age,
Striving lawfully, enduring unto the end,
For the wisdom of doctors,
The zeal of evangelists,

The eloquence of prophets,
The love of pastors,
For the praises of babes, the ministry of women,
The purity of the young, the fervour of the aged,
For all the signs of Thy Presence,
All the marks of Thy Cross,
All glory be to Thee.

For the light of Thy everlasting Gospel,
Sent to every nation and kindred, and tongue and people,
Shining so long amongst ourselves;
For Thy Church, the pillar and ground of the truth,
Against which the gates of hell have not prevailed;
For Thy gracious word of promise
That they that be wise shall shine
As the brightness of the firmament,
And they that turn many to righteousness
As the stars for ever and ever,
All praise, all glory
Be unto Thee.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
Long-suffering, and of great goodness.
The Lord is loving unto every man,
And His mercy is over all His works.
All Thy works praise Thee, O Lord,
And Thy Saints give thanks unto Thee.
They show the glory of Thy kingdom,
And talk of Thy power,
That Thy power, Thy glory, and mightiness of Thy kingdom,
Might be known unto men.
Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And Thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

Great and marvellous are Thy works,
Lord God Almighty;
Just and true are Thy ways,
Thou King of Saints.
Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify
Thy Name?
For Thou only art holy;
For all nations shall come and worship before
Thee;
For Thy judgments are made manifest.

Salvation to our God, Which sitteth upon the
throne,
And unto the Lamb,
Hallelujah!
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ADDITIONAL EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS.

For use at Home or in Church, as time may allow.

Act of Resolution.

O LORD, I resolve henceforward to avoid such sights as . . . such books as . . . such company as . . . such thoughts as . . . I resolve for Thy sake to practise . . . O Lord, I dare not do this save in union with this offering now made to Thee, to be accepted, as I trust, with the Oblation of Thy blessed Son; and I humbly beseech Thee that, in eating His Flesh and drinking His Blood, my heart and my will

may be strengthened and sanctified to perform this resolution to Thy honour and glory. O Lord, I pray Thee to accept my resolve, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Act of Submission.

O HOLY Jesus, Lord and Master, I humbly submit myself to accept whatever Thou ordainest for me, after Thine own good pleasure. Cause my soul to be prepared for Thee at whatever hour Thou mayest come. Vouchsafe to me a patient, submissive, and watchful spirit, that I be not found slumbering when the Bridegroom cometh. And, moreover, I beseech Thee, O Lord, interpose Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat, Thy Cross and Passion, and Thy most precious Blood-shedding, between Thy judgment and my poor soul, now and always, and especially at the hour of my death. And I most earnestly implore Thee that my death may not come upon me unprepared, and that Thou wilt then revive, strengthen, and exalt my faith, hope, and charity, even to my latest breath. Even so come, Lord Jesus, and have mercy upon me. Amen.

Act of Faith.

I BELIEVE, O Lord Jesus Christ, that in Thee I have been born again to be a child of God; that Thou hast given me Thy life.

I believe that though I have fallen many a time since, yet that Thou hast sought me and recovered me, and made me repent, and hast smiled upon me.

I believe that Thou art able and willing to give me Thyself more abundantly.

I believe that I can do all things through Thee, if Thou wilt strengthen me.

I believe that none ever looked to Thee and were confounded, or called on Thy Name and were forsaken.

I believe that Thou hast called me by name and hast led me out, and that when Thou puttest me forth anywhere, Thou wilt not forsake me.

I believe that Thou wilt be a merciful and faithful High Priest to approach God on my behalf, to make reconciliation for my sins.

I believe that as far as the east is from the west, so far hast Thou removed my transgressions from me; that like as a father pitieth his children, so Thou pitiest me.

I believe that in all my affliction Thou art afflicted.

I believe that Thou wilt not suffer me to be tempted above that I am able to bear.

I believe that Thou wilt strengthen me for my special work, as Thou didst Thy servants in old times, Moses, Gideon, Samson, Elijah, and Jeremiah.

I believe that with Thee all things are possible, even to make me perfect.

I believe that the Holy Ghost is within me, pleading with me, ready to convince me of sin. I believe that Thou art now interceding for me.

I believe that my whole life, and every event in it, is ordered by Thy most loving providence, to draw me to Thee, to make me flee to Thee, and abide in Thee.

I believe that Thou art most unwilling that I should perish, but art full of compassion and long-suffering towards me, that I may come to repentance, and be forgiven.

I believe that there is joy in heaven over me as I repent.

Lord, I know that Thou lovest me.

Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief.

Lord, increase my faith.

I will gird myself and serve Thee!

Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?

Acts of Hope.

No. 1.

LORD, in Thee is my hope.

I desire, and pray, and purpose, to live for the future, not for the present.

I desire to look forward in my work to the coming of Thy Kingdom.

I desire to labour here, that I may grow to desire rest more and more.

I desire to look forward to rest for a while in Paradise with Thee, and then to rise again with my body to glorify Thee for ever in heaven.

I desire now to put my treasure in heaven, to send my affections very often, even now, to where Thou art ascended.

I desire to be so settled in the life of hope now, that earthly and transitory things may fail to affect and disturb me.

I hope now to advance in holiness, to forget those things which are behind, and to reach forward to those things which are before.

I believe I am sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, that I have received the earnest; I look to be filled with all the fulness of God.

I desire to be bold in my hope, to look high in humility, and obedience, and saintliness.

I desire to follow Thee very closely.

I brace myself to the cross now, that I may be with Thee in Paradise.

I desire to drink of Thy cup now, that I may be a doorkeeper in Thy House hereafter.

O Lord, I cling to my hope, the hope of seeing Thee as Thou art.

O Lord, I thank Thee for my hope. Confirm it, strengthen it, deepen it, engross it. Lord, purify me, even as Thou art pure! Amen.

No. 2.

(*Grounded upon the Articles of the Faith.*)

I KNOW that Thou, O GOD, art ONE. I hope that with all Saints I may be one in Thee, as Thou, O Father, art in the Son, and the Son in Thee.

I know that Thou, O FATHER, art ALMIGHTY, able to do things impossible with men. I hope that Thou wilt make me holy. I hope that Thou, Who didst MAKE HEAVEN AND EARTH, ALL THINGS VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE, wilt bring to perfection the new heavens and the new earth, wilt make known to us more and more of Thy infinite creation, that we may the more glorify Thee herein.

I know that Thou, O LORD JESUS CHRIST, ONLY-BEGOTTEN of the Father, hast made me partaker of sonship with Thee. I hope that Thou, Who wert before all worlds, GOD, and LIGHT, and VERY GOD, wilt rule, and illumine, and fill my whole being; that the old man may utterly die out of me, and that I may be wholly Thine, and with Thee where Thou art.

I hope that Thou, BY WHOM ALL THINGS WERE MADE, wilt show me Thy glory, for which all creation exists.

I hope that Thou, Who didst COME DOWN

FROM HEAVEN FOR US MEN, AND FOR OUR SALVATION, to be the second Adam, and WAST INCARNATE BY THE HOLY GHOST OF THE VIRGIN MARY, wilt accomplish Thy work in me, and wilt save me for ever, as born again in Thee.

I hope that as Thou wast MADE MAN, so Thy Godhead will never again be separated from man, or from that Life which Thou hast given us by the Spirit.

I hope that by THY BEING CRUCIFIED FOR US UNDER PONTIUS PILATE my sins are atoned for and blotted out, and that the old man in me is crucified with Thee. I hope to be partaker with Thee in the fruits of Thy SUFFERING, to be made perfect in patience, humility, and submission.

I hope that the life which I now live is not the life which I inherited from Adam, to which I was buried in Thy BURIAL, but Thy life living in me.

I hope in the power of Thy RISING AGAIN, that like as Thou wast raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, so I am intended, and helped, and empowered to walk in newness of life. I hope that we who died with Thee shall also live with Thee, ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES.

I welcome the earnest of future glory in Thy ASCENSION. I hope in Thy constant intercession for me AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD. I hope to see Thee in the highest place of heavenly honour.

I hope not to be ashamed before Thee when Thou shalt COME AGAIN WITH GLORY TO JUDGE BOTH THE QUICK AND THE DEAD. I hope that Thou wilt then be my Advocate to silence the accuser. I hope that Thou wilt then cast all my

sins behind Thy back. I hope that Thou wilt number me among the Saints.

I hope that Thy KINGDOM, WHICH WILL HAVE NO END, will come quickly; that we may be delivered from the miseries of this sinful world; that we may reign with Thee for ever. I hope that all my life here is a training for unknown and inconceivable dignity of loving service for ever.

And I hope in the love and power of THE HOLY GHOST, THE LORD, WHO GIVEST LIFE to all living; Who gave me life a second time in my baptism; Who hast given it more abundantly many a time since in the Eucharists of which I have partaken. I hope that Thou wilt nourish and strengthen that life in me, and in my dear friends, and in all Christian men, until it utterly extinguishes in us the natural life.

I hope always to WORSHIP AND GLORIFY Thee with awful reverence. I hope never to grieve Thee, or weary Thee, or provoke Thee. I hope that Thou wilt continue to love me, and wilt never leave me.

I hope that I, with all Saints, may ever receive, and obey, and love, in childlike submission and grateful trust, the words which Thou hast SPOKEN BY THE PROPHETS, under the Law and the Gospel.

I hope that Thou wilt continue to work in the ordinances of the ONE CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH, making holiness to overflow in her and from her, to the recovery of those in error, heresy, and schism, to the conversion of the thoughtless, and the vicious, and the heathen. I hope for her triumph, for her appearance without spot or blemish when the Lamb shall return to take His Bride to Himself for ever. I hope that I may be found

in her, though the last and lowest of her members.

I rely on Thy power to grant REMISSION OF SINS IN BAPTISM. I hope that I shall never return to the sins which have been remitted. I hope that the sinless life of Christ then imparted to me will cast out of me all that is repugnant to the perfect man, to which I am growing.

AND I LOOK FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME, as the only things worth looking for. I hope to grow in despising transitory things, in regarding death as the gate of life, in realizing even now the spiritual world, in overcoming the world of sense.

I hope to hope more ardently, more entirely. My Lord and my God, my faith is very weak; I stake all upon my hope.

I beseech Thee to make it stronger and higher, that it may abide until its objects are seen. O Lord, I love Thee for my hope.

Acts of Love.

No. 1.

O LORD, Thou lovest me, even as the Father loveth Thee.

O Lord, why cannot I love Thee?

I can trust in Thy Love.

Thou canst put away my sins which prevent me from coming to Thee.

I desire to love Thee warmly, and to show it in every action of my life.

I can blame myself, abhor myself, for not loving Thee.

I can try and keep Thy commandments, and [illegible]n I shall love.

I can think of Thy Love for me, and all the loving things Thou hast done for me.

I desire to know Thy Love for me, which passeth knowledge.

I desire to love Thee, so that it may set my heart in a glow, and be my one motive and happiness.

Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee a little; make it much.

I will love Thee more if I can; and I can if Thou wilt, and Thou dost will it.

And I shall be loved of the Father, and Thou wilt love me more than ever, and wilt manifest Thyself to me. And THEY will come to me, and make THEIR abode with me!

Thanks be to Thee, O Lord. Amen.

No. 2.

(*Grounded upon the Articles of the Faith.*)

I LOVE Thee, O God our Father, because Thou hast loved us, and made all things for us, even Angels to minister to us as heirs of salvation; because Thou hast designed us men, in Thine own Image, to be chief vessels of honour, in wonderful and unique nature of body, soul, and spirit.

I love Thee, O Lord God the Son, because Thou didst empty Thyself of Thy glory in heaven, and wast incarnate, dignifying human nature for ever by taking it upon Thyself, and making us Thy brethren.

I love Thee because Thou didst suffer and die to reconcile Thy Father unto us when we were all concluded under sin, and were all subject unto death.

I love Thee, because in Thy Burial Thou hast

taken away the sting of death and the horror of the grave; because in Thy descent into hell Thou hast gone before us through the valley of the shadow of death, preparing a way of peace for us into Paradise.

I love Thee, because in Thy Resurrection Thou hast assured us of the acceptance of Thy Atonement, and of our resurrection now and hereafter, from the natural man, and from his corruption.

I love Thee, because in Thy glorious Ascension Thou hast led the way for the final destiny of regenerate man, and dost now prepare a place for us, to be with Thee in the Father's Presence for ever.

I love Thee, because Thou dost intercede for me continually at the right hand of God.

I love Thee, because Thou wilt plead for me in the judgment; because Thou hast promised to bring salvation to us that love Thee when Thou shalt appear the second time.

I love Thee, because Thou wilt make us share Thy kingdom in perfect happiness for ever.

I love Thee, O Lord God the Holy Ghost, because Thou hast twice given me life, and dost maintain my life, continually abiding with me. I love Thee for Thy wonderful patience with me. I love Thee for all the good Thou hast given me by the Word of God: for all Thy pleadings in my conscience.

I love Thee with all my heart for the loving pains Thou art taking with me.

I love the Catholic Church, which my Lord Christ loveth.

I glorify God for revealing to me some of the mystery thereof, for grafting me into the Body of Christ in my baptism, making me partaker of mission thereby.

And I love humbly the blessed Trinity, God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, in the hope of the resurrection, in the faith of the present gift of eternal life.

I love Thee, O God, for Thy Love to me, and for my love to Thee. Amen.

Sentences of Holy Scripture.

(*From the English Liturgy of* 1549.)

IF any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He hath visited and redeemed His people; therefore let us serve Him all the days of our life, in holiness and righteousness before Him.

Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching.

Be ye ready, for the Son of Man will come at an hour when ye think not.

The servant that knoweth his Master's will, and hath not prepared himself, neither hath done according to His will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

The hour cometh, and now it is, when true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth.

Behold, thou art made whole; sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

If ye shall continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

While ye have light, believe on the Light, that ye may be the children of light.

He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, the same is he that loveth Me.

If a man love Me, he will keep My words, and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him and make Our abode with him.

If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit, so shall ye be My disciples.

This is My commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you.

If God be on our side, who can be against us; Which did not spare His own Son, but gave Him for us all.

Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth; who is he that can condemn?

The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light.

Christ Jesus is made of God unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption, that (according as it is written) He which glorieth should glory in the Lord.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy.

Ye are dearly bought, therefore glorify God in your bodies and in your spirits, for they belong to God.

Be you followers of God, as dear children, and walk in love, even as Christ loved us, and gave Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice of a sweet savour to God.

Devout Aspirations.

(*From the Psalms.*)

OH that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men.

What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him!

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him, and He will show them His covenant.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep: seek Thy servant, for I do not forget Thy commandments.

Great are Thy tender mercies, O Lord; quicken me according to Thy judgments.

Thy vows are upon me, O God; I will render praises unto Thee.

O God, Thou art my God; early will I seek Thee. My soul thirsteth for Thee, in a dry and thirsty land where no water is; to see Thy power and glory, so as I have seen Thee in the sanctuary.

I will keep Thy statutes; oh, forsake me not utterly.

Whom have I in heaven but Thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee.

With my whole heart have I sought Thee: oh, let me not wander from Thy commandments.

Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God.

NOTE.—*For special devotions at celebrations on Holy Days and Seasons, see pp.* 15 *to* 23.

Petitions for Special Graces.

For Faith.

LORD, I believe, help Thou my unbelief. Turn the doubts that sometimes afflict me into spurs towards entire trust in Thee. I acknowledge that faith is no easy acquirement. I humbly entreat Thee, Who dost at times show me its value by withholding it, to give it me as a most precious gift. Lord, I would fain believe with a childlike, unreluctant, unquestioning trust. O Lord, Thou hast stirred me, so that I cannot rest in a dead, ineffectual faith. And now make it, I pray Thee, active, zealous, all-engrossing, victorious; so working by love, that it carries away triumphantly my whole being, to conform me to Thee in Whom I trust. Give me a living, loving, active faith, that delights to count all visible things as dross, and endures, as seeing Thee, Who art invisible. Amen.

For Hope.

O THOU Who art the hope of all the ends of the earth, give me a firm grasp on a well-founded hope! Let me not be filled with vain presumption, nor suffer me to think that Thou wilt ever either be reconciled to my sins, or reject my repentance. And when I build on Thy promises, let me not forget Thy conditions. And then give me a comfortable security, as on an anchor of the soul both sure and [1]fast, entering even within the veil, whither

our Captain is gone before, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Love.

O GOD Who hast declared Thyself to be Love, Who hast deigned to desire and invite me to return Thy Love, I deplore my miserable incapacity for giving Thee my heart. I know that I continually provoke Thee by turning away from Thee to love the things which steal me from Thee. I know that I ought to hate myself for this senseless unfaithfulness, which makes me so unworthy to love Thee.

I entreat Thee, O Lord, to give me that which I cannot attain for myself, to pour into my heart such a stream of godly desire and affection, that I may truly love Thee before all things, wholly abandoning myself to live for Thy Love. Amen.

PREPARE me, O Lord, for this inestimable gift, by revealing in me such knowledge of Thyself as I am able to bear, by opening my mind to a deep and abiding sense of Thy incomparable perfection in all that is lovable.

Help me to ponder and adore Thy might and Thy gentleness, Thy patience and compassion, Thy glorious purity. Enlighten me to admire Thy majestic calmness, Thy mysterious excellence in hiding Thyself, and making all things work together for good to them that love Thee. But chiefly, O Lord, kindle in me a reverent warmth of gratitude for Thy astonishing Love for me, unworthy as I am even of forbearance and forgiveness.

And thus, O Lord, most holy, draw me irresistibly to Thee. Make all other love contribute

to my love for Thee. Make me love Thee in those dear to me. Fulfil in me the conditions of loving Thee. Direct my heart to keep Thy Word, to walk after Thy commandments, to love the brethren, to hate evil. Cause my soul to thirst for Thee, that I may long for Thy visible Presence, that all fear may be cast out, that Thou mayest manifest Thyself unto me, and make Thy abode with me, and thus Thy love may be perfected in me, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"I declared unto them Thy Name, and will declare it; that the love wherewith Thou lovest Me may be in them, and I in them."

For Reverence.

O LORD God most high, Who humblest Thyself to behold the things in the heavens; Who art most awful in power, and majesty, and glory inconceivable; Who hast condescended to reveal Thyself and Thy goodness to us, as far as our weakness can bear; oh, fill me, I pray, with trembling love; fill me with most humble reverence for Thyself, and for all that belongs to Thy holy Name, so that I may never dare to show disrespect by gesture, or word, or thought, to Thy holy Word and Sacraments, to Thy House and ministers, to the forms of Thy Church's worship. Especially on the more solemn occasions of approaching Thy Holy Presence, above all in the hour of death, fill me, O Lord, with the spirit of Thy holy fear, that I may set it forth in my whole conduct; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Purity of Intention.

LORD, help me to cast out all unworthy motives. I sadly fear that my crooked and selfish purposes may spoil my work, and mar it as an offering to Thee, and a contribution to the honour of Thy great Name. Grant me, O Lord, a pure intention in all that I do, and a steadfast regard and single eye to Thy glory. I beseech Thee, O Lord, possess my mind continually with Thy Presence, and so fill it with the love of Thee that my only object may be to gratify Thee by my faithful service. Be Thou, O Lord, Thyself the full satisfaction of my heart. Be all in all to me, Lord Jesus; for Thine own sake. Amen.

For Holy Fear.

O LORD most high, Who only hast almighty power, possess my soul with such holy awe of Thee that I may give Thee the honour due unto Thy great Name, and reverently regard all things which bear Thy mark, never profaning holy things, nor handling carelessly what Thou hast set apart for Thyself. Let the dread of Thy stern justice make me tremble to provoke Thee. Oh, suffer me not so to misplace my fear as to be afraid of man that shall die, and pass away like a shadow, but be bold against God, Who is a consuming fire. But steep my whole soul in that fear of Thee which is the beginning of wisdom, which is a bridle to all fleshly appetites, which may prepare me for that love which casteth out fear.

"Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy Name." Amen.

For Trustfulness.

O LORD Jesus, Who never failest them that trust in Thee, let me run to Thee in all my trials and difficulties. Receive me when I come to rest in Thee, to be strengthened by Thee, to consult Thee, to put my wishes in Thy hand.

Compel me, O Lord, utterly to mistrust myself; suffer me not to lean on the broken reed of worldly succour. Thou hast promised perfect peace to me if I depend only on Thee. Let not my heart be overcharged with cares and responsibilities, nor my spirits depressed with ill-success. But help me to do my part zealously and cheerfully, using all the means of action which Thou dost provide for me. And then let me cast all my care and anxiety on Thee, beseeching Thee only to pardon my misuse of Thy provision for my needs. Lord, Thou knowest them that trust in Thee! I will put my trust in Thee, and be safe. Amen.

For Humility.

O BLESSED Jesus, I adore Thee for Thy special perfection in being meek and lowly in heart. O Lord, Thou hast taught us that the servant must not be above his Master; and that the followers of Him Who washed His disciples' feet should do as He did to them. And when I desire to follow Thee in this, my pride and my vainglory fight against Thy Spirit working in me. Lord, I would humble myself by accepting r men's opinion of myself, by recalling with

shame my follies and meanness, my weakness and wilfulness, my silly obstinacy and blind wickedness, my petty cunning, my conceit, and unbelief in Thy eternal truth. All that is within me is transparent to Thy piercing eye. Disperse the mists of self-exaltation which hide me from myself. I humbly thank Thee for the mortifications with which Thou hast lovingly checked my vanity. I pray Thee to preserve me from restlessness and ambition, from being puffed up by aspiring thoughts; and to help me to keep a strict watch over myself, my eyes, my words, and my heart—to shun flattery, and to see my own utter unworthiness, picturing to myself what I must be in Thy sight. For Thy sake, O Lord, I would be subject to others, and be girded with humility. Grant to me this grace henceforward, for Thy mercy's sake. Amen.

For Calmness.

O LORD God of Israel, awful in truth and majesty, I beseech Thee to make me still and calm before Thee. Take out of me all leaven of excitement, and all effervescence of unreal or transitory enthusiasm. Subdue me entirely to steady, resolute, quiet service, that I may live outwardly as becomes the unruffled calmness of Thy Holy Spirit dwelling in me. O Lord, I would fain imitate Thee in this great perfection of Thy human nature, and, in the midst of the turmoil of the world, be at perfect peace in union with Thy majestic stillness! Let nothing disturb the order and reverence of my conduct towards Thee. Let me walk firmly, and hopefully, and soberly, and trustfully before Thee, as ever in Thy Presence, in the secret

sense of having Thine eye upon me, silent and calm. Amen.

For Wisdom and Discretion.

O GOD, Who hast promised that, if any lack wisdom and ask it of Thee, Thou wilt give it, I acknowledge my most grievous and utter want thereof. Give me, I beseech Thee, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, and counsel and knowledge. Keep me from folly and rashness in private resolutions and in public life. When I am right, do Thou confirm me. When I am wrong, do Thou correct me. Prepare my judgment by humility and purity; guide it by deference, and fortify it only by a sense of Thy gracious assistance; and so give me, O Thou Wisdom of God, a right judgment in all things, that I be not barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of Thee, Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth ever one God. Amen.

For Purity.

O LORD God of holiness, Who dwellest in light unapproachable, may I dare ask that the reflection of Thy purity may be seen in me, Thine unworthy servant, whom Thou hast constituted a temple of Thy Holy Spirit. O Lord, Thou hast set me to do holy work in the world, keep me holy among the unholy. Let me obey Thy Spirit when He prompts me to incessant watchfulness, so that nothing unclean may enter into the sanctuary of my soul, or issue forth from my heart. Clothe me in Thy armour of righteousness, that I may walk safely among the fiery darts of evil; and so separate me from the defile-

ments of the world that I may be in behaviour as becometh holiness; for my Master's sake, my Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Diligence.

O GOD, Who hast called me to Thy service, give me grace to seize unfailingly all opportunities of doing Thy work; keep me from all needless ties which may in any way hinder or distract me. Make me to abhor and shrink from sloth and languid slowness in my labour. God forbid that by any lukewarmness I become nauseous unto Thee! Rouse me when I am idle, frivolous, or occupied with trifles! Let me never hesitate at, or delay, for selfish reasons, the duty of the hour. But enable me punctually and zealously to do as much as I can, and to throw my whole strength into the diligent discharge of my responsibilities; so that whenever my work is cut off, I may be found striving earnestly to finish that which Thou hast given me to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Sincerity.

O GOD, our Master and Judge, Who requirest truth in the inward parts, cleanse me, I beseech Thee, from all deceit and guile, from all hypocrisy and false pretence, from all exaggeration and excess of description; endue me with a burning love of truth, and courage to speak and maintain it. Let all that I do be done in simplicity and godly sincerity. Make me to be what I wish to seem to be, towards Thee, and towards men. Give me grace, O blessed Lord, to feel Thee ever present about me and within

me, the Witness and Recorder of my thoughts, words, and deeds, that I may do all things heartily as unto Thee, and may live to Thee alone; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. Amen.

For Self-control.

LORD, I earnestly desire to be master over my affections and desires, much more over my words and actions! I come to Thee for the great gift of power over the flesh and the mind, that the Spirit may be master in me. I desire Thy help to keep under my body, that I may use it firmly and sensibly for Thy service. Give me the spirit of watchfulness, that I may never be surprised and taken unawares. Oh, keep me from idle words. Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips. And still more urgently do I pray that Thou wilt greatly help me to control my thoughts. Restrain with bit and bridle all emotions of covetousness, or passionate anger, or pride, or concupiscence. Give me the skill of self-control, as well as the desire of it, and the will to exercise it. Stifle the wish of pleasing myself, and enable me, in the deliberate intention of pleasing Thee, to deport myself as Thy servant in my daily life, doing, speaking, and thinking the things which are approved in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Courage.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who hast taught us to seek provision of courage in fighting the good fight of faith, and hast promised to him that overcometh to sit with Thee in Thy throne;

I come to Thee as Thy soldier and servant, beseeching Thee to intercede for me, that I may receive this great gift of a gallant, undaunted spirit, boldly to face all obstacles in overcoming self, in casting out worldly motives, in keeping under the desires of the body and of the mind, in resisting Satan to the death. I humbly desire to live the life of faith in every detail of life, to abhor all faint-heartedness, all shrinking from duty (*especially in carrying out my resolution to . . .*).

I hope, in the strength of Thy almightiness, resolutely to endure, and calmly to keep Thy works, unto the end, that so an entrance may be abundantly provided for me into Thy everlasting kingdom, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost, Thou reignest in glory for ever. Amen.

For Meekness and Gentleness.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who in taking human nature upon Thee didst accept the relationship of a son to a human mother only, and didst condescend to combine in a single person all feminine excellence with manly perfection, that Thou mightest be an example of life to women as well as to men, and especially a pattern of meekness and lowliness to all; I beseech Thee to give me such inward meekness as may effectually counteract and restrain all self-assertion and pride. Make me very slow to think myself unjustly treated, or set below my true value. Subdue all inclination to angry feelings; enlighten me to see and acknowledge the superiority of others. Keep me from harsh or hasty judgment of their conduct, of their opinions, of their work. Make me

eager to discern all sparks of goodness, and ever ready to welcome them. And besides, O Lord, I pray that this grace may be manifested outwardly in my speech and actions. Soften, I beseech Thee, all abruptness and roughness of outward address, that I may be gentle, showing all meekness to all men; that the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit may be set upon my face and manner; that others may be thereby refined and conciliated to peace and love; that I may glorify Thee by reflecting Thy consummate and glorious gentleness, and finally inherit Thy blessing on the meek. Grant this to me, O my Lord, for Thine own gentleness' sake. Amen.

For Faithfulness in Subordinate Positions.

O LORD God, I acknowledge Thy goodness and wisdom in appointing me to work for Thee in a subordinate position. I desire not to mind high things, but to give my full strength to little things, to the details of my daily duty. I come to Thee now, O Lord, for Thy merciful help in this, to do it well, and cheerfully, and gladly. Give me the special gift of helping the higher offices. Make me most punctually obedient to those whom Thou hast set over me; and while I endeavour to lighten their cares by ready sympathy, give me grace to be thankful that my responsibility is less weighty. Help me to serve Thee patiently and hopefully, as one of the less honourable members, so that abasing myself here, I may be exalted hereafter; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Temperance.

SUFFER me not, O Lord, by any folly of mine to turn Thy bounty into unlawful indulgence; but give me the spirit of temperance and sobriety, that in eating or drinking my appetites may be satisfied, not gratified, and that my table be not a snare unto me; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Zeal.

ALMIGHTY God, Who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us that it is good to be zealously affected in a good thing, inspire me, I beseech Thee, with such a love of Thy truth, and such a zeal for Thy honour, that Thy service may become perfect freedom, and the labour assigned to me by Thee may be my chosen rest. Give me boldness manfully to confess Thee before men, and to contend earnestly, when need arises, for the faith once delivered to the Saints. And let me not be daunted or dismayed by opposition or hostility, knowing that the friendship of the world is enmity with God. Yet grant me withal, O blessed Lord, the spirit of Christian charity, that I may count no man as an enemy (except when he fights against Thee), but may speak the truth in love, and behave with meekness towards those that oppose themselves, lest I hinder Thy work by my sin, and forfeit Thy blessing: and this I beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

For Contrition.

O LORD my God and Father, I want to be sorry for sins innumerable, incessant—for my liking for sin—for stupid sinning, even

without strong impulse—for utter softness, when energy is wanted against the world, the flesh, or the devil.

I want to be sorry for my hardness against Thy tender love—for foolish doubts of Thy love —for the scandalously unsubdued vigour of the natural man in me, when the spiritual man ought to have been long ago predominant.

I want to be ashamed of myself—of what I have suffered myself to become, in spite of Thee. I want to see myself as an innocent eye would see me, a contemptible failure in the glorious system of regeneration.

I want to be indignant with myself—on Thy account—because I have personally disappointed Thee, insulted Thee, neglected Thee, wronged Thee, betrayed Thee, made Thee to be ashamed of me.

I acknowledge, O Lord my Father, Thy wonderful compassion and forbearance. I know that Thou hast called me, regenerated me, fed me. I know that Thou hast spared me, forgiven me, many a time and often. I know that Thy patient love is even now inviting me, expecting me, to come and be softened, and changed, and reconciled, and restored. I know that Thou hast intended me to share Thy dear Son's triumph over temptation. I know that Thou dost give us the means of overcoming as He did.

Wherefore I beseech Thee, O Father, in the Name of Thy dear Son, give me this sorrow and shame, this indignation against myself.

Restore me to what I have lost. Give me the talent I have buried. Trust me again with an innocent hatred of sin. Take out of me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, to mourn for the triumphant holiness in which I ·ght to be glorifying Thee.

Bring me out of my miserable separation from Thee. Lay in me the foundation of a godly, untiring repentance; that I may be zealous to search my life for its offensiveness, forward to acknowledge its disgrace, eager to run to Thee for forgiveness and renewal.

Fill me with vehement desire to clear myself, to be made whole, so as henceforth to overcome evil with good.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Patience.

O LORD Jesus Christ, God of patience and consolation, I desire humbly of Thee that I may possess my soul in patience. I know that I need it sadly in things great and small, in everyday wants (*in the aching of sickness*), (*in the decay of age*), (*in the contempt of those who do not like me*), (*in hopelessness of efforts*), (*in . . .*), and especially in every failure of self-control, in every repulse which I undergo in working out purposes of godliness. But I desire, O Lord, to keep the word of Thy patience, to think of Thee under all provocations and irritations. Thou knowest all my troubles and trials, be they ever so petty. Thou knowest every pang of my heart, every sharp word I have to endure, every disappointment in my work, every difficulty and delay which chills me; and I know that Thou lovest me. I beseech Thee to stretch forth Thy hand to save me when I totter, to raise me when I fall, that tribulation may work patience, and that every failure may be a step to bolder and wiser efforts. Strengthen me to endure all for the sake of approving myself as united to Thee,

and to Thy consummate patience. Keep me under the shadow of Thy long-suffering love; keep me still and quiet, that I offend Thee not by any restlessness, but be content to work on in hope, only desiring to glorify Thee in running the race that is set before me. And this I ask through Thy merits. Amen.

For Sobriety and Chastity.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, to Whom our inmost thoughts are known, and Who hast warned us that without holiness we shall never behold Thee; defend me, I beseech Thee, both in body and mind, from every taint and stain of fleshly sin. Set a watch before my eyes, and seal my ears, so that neither sight nor sound may enter in to pollute me. Oh, let Thy blessed Spirit descend upon me, and preserve me chaste and temperate, grave and sober, clean and undefiled, that my body may be a holy temple, and my soul a sanctuary fit for Thee to dwell in. Kindle the fire of Thy love in my heart; cleanse me, and sanctify me, and make me wholly Thine, that I may glorify Thee in my body and in my spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Perseverance.

O ETERNAL and unchangeable Lord God, Who art the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever; be pleased to communicate some small ray of that excellency, some degree of that stability, to me, Thy wretched creature, so light and inconstant, and turned about with every 'ast. Thou well knowest, O Lord, how my .derstanding is weak and easily deceived. Oh,

establish me in Thy truth; keep me from the snares of seducing spirits, that I may not be led away into error. Thou well knowest, O Lord, how irresolute and wavering my will is. Oh, make me steadfast in following Thine! Keep me from the contagion of worldliness, that I may never be shaken from my duty to Thee. Lord, Thou seest my weakness, and the number and strength of my temptations. Oh, guide me and strengthen me in the struggle, that I be not faint-hearted, or double-minded, or lukewarm. Make me, I beseech Thee, resolute to do Thy will, steadfast, immovable, in the path Thou hast pointed out to me; that I may abound in Thy work, and patiently continue in Thy service; as one with my Saviour and Captain, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Mortification and Self-denial.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Whose only-begotten Son was pleased to be made perfect through sufferings, and did command us, if we would come after Him, to deny ourselves, and take up the cross daily; mercifully grant unto Thy servant the spirit of mortification and self-denial, that being delivered from the bondage of corruption, I may follow Him with a willing mind. Give me power over the desires of the flesh, and grace to put from me the love of pleasure, ease, profit, and honour. Enable me to exercise a wise abstinence from things lawful, that I may not be brought under the power of creatures, and may have the strength to withstand when tempted. Accustom me to prefer Thy ordering to my own choice, even as I am taught by the holy example of Thy dear Son; that having watched with Him the one

hour of this mortal life, and being crucified with Him to sin, I may be raised to live again with Him in glory everlasting; for His sake. Amen.

For Contentment.

MAKE me contented, I most humbly pray Thee, O God; contented with my outward circumstances, with my inward gifts; contented with all, save myself and my own unprofitable service. Give me such a sense of my own undeservings, of the merits of others, and above all of Thy most loving and accurate care for me, in guiding the circumstances of my life to train me best for the place and office which Thou dost prepare for me hereafter, that I may cast all my care upon Thee, and cheerfully apply myself to show forth my thankfulness in my life. Keep me from restlessness and covetousness, that in quietness and confidence I may live out my life here, and not be ashamed on my deathbed of vain and foolish hankerings after change. Keep me from envy of others, and from the ingratitude of desiring more of this world's gifts than Thou hast in Thy wisdom intrusted to my responsibility; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Thankfulness.

O LORD our Father, Who hast encouraged us to covet Thy spiritual gifts, I come to Thee in all humility for the precious gift of a grateful spirit.

I desire to prepare myself for receiving it, by recalling my innumerable earthly blessings, the

multiplied happinesses with which Thou hast lovingly indulged and cheered me.

I desire still more to recall Thy spiritual bounties; Thy mysterious grace of election and regeneration; Thy long-suffering to my dulness and wickedness; Thy marvellous forgiveness; Thy oft-repeated goodness in restoring me to Thy favour.

I desire to be quick to perceive Thy wonderful providence, in ordering my life for my salvation; to be keen in discerning Thy care in things great and small, public and private. I desire to value all these Thy gifts for Thy sake, to see in them the fruit of my Lord's intercession on my behalf.

And now, O Father, give me, for His sake, Thy crowning gift of a grateful spirit, that I may rejoice always, and in everything give thanks, not quenching the Spirit, but reverently and gladly welcoming Him. And grant, O Lord, that under His blessed influence my heart may not only overflow in thankfulness for the past, but be so settled in reliance on Thy loving care for the future, that it may be wholly given to glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Love of Objects of Work.

LORD, I would do my appointed work through good report and evil report, in prosperity and adversity, in success and failure, in pleasure and in pain. I know that steady labour is distasteful to the natural man, and that it must surely conflict with the desires of the mind, and of the flesh. Nevertheless, not for my satisfaction, but for greater success in Thy service, I entreat, O Lord, that my affec-

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tions as well as my duty may be engaged therein, that I may love even to do that which is irksome to myself, for the earnest desire of a success which may redound to Thy glory. And therefore I fervently desire such love for Thee (*and for those to whom I minister, that their welfare may be very dear to my heart, and thus*) that my task may be truly a labour of love; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

For Cheerfulness and Courtesy.

HELP me, O Lord, to keep the thought of self so completely under restraint, that in all my intercourse with others I may be quite free, first to do them good, and secondly to give them pleasure. Give me such regard for their feelings that I may not only avoid unnecessary offence, but go as far as possible in conciliating their goodwill, without sacrificing Thy truth, or the consistency of my conduct. Dispose me to be cheerful without loss of self-control, and courteous without flattery, so that in all things I may please my neighbour to his edification; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Forgiving Spirit.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who hast warned us that an unforgiving heart is a fatal hindrance to Thy forgiveness of us, and to the acceptance of our prayers; Who hast promised that if we forgive, we shall also be forgiven; graft in my heart, I beseech Thee, an ardent desire to follow Thee in Thy wonderful forgiveness of those who cruelly injure Thee.

Help me, O Lord, to arouse myself, and in the power of Thy life, to stifle and overcome

the bitter feeling and soreness of the natural man, which keeps me from being like Thee in this great feature of saintliness. And then, O Lord, give me this most precious gift, this signal mark of Thy fellowship, that I may be ready and forward to forgive even as I am forgiven, even until seventy times seven.

Enable me so to love my enemies, to pray for those who have despitefully used me, that I may become a true child of God, and glorify Thee by being perfect even as our Father Which is in heaven is perfect; to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and praise now and ever. Amen.

Prayers for Special Occasions.

On Entering upon a new Sphere of Life.

O LORD, the Guide and Director, the Helper and the Comforter of all who seek Thee with their whole heart, and depend upon Thee; I humbly present myself before Thy Divine Majesty, beseeching Thy favour and blessing upon this new sphere of life.

I acknowledge that nothing will prosper in my hands without Thy help. I implore Thee to guide, and instruct, and furnish, and assist me in this condition of life into which, by Thy permission and calling, I am about to enter.

I sorrowfully confess that I have missed and abused many an opportunity of serving Thee in my past life. I desire to be more dutiful henceforward, and to pass the remaining part of my sojourning here in diligently doing Thy will. Pardon me, therefore, most merciful Father, according to Thy promises to penitent sinners; and vouchsafe to give me the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that I may clearly and fully perceive the duties and responsibilities which I am now about to undertake. Give me a sincere and hearty intention to discharge them; give me a willing mind, and a cheerful, unwearied spirit in all my work. Bless me with the great talent of an observant and charitable discretion, to discern the qualities and dispositions of those with whom I shall be associated henceforth, that I may delight to study their content and satis-

faction, to bear with their infirmities, to co-operate with them in serving Thee, to choose the fittest opportunities of doing them good, and to please them always to their edification.

O Lord, I entreat Thy blessing upon this step. I trust that I take it by Thy leave, and under Thy guidance. I commit my future life into Thy hands, looking to Thee as the Beginning and the Ending, the Author and the Finisher of my faith. O Lord, in Thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded. Amen.

Before Confirmation.

LORD of all power and might, Who alone can give strength to my spirit, grant to me, I beseech Thee, a true and deep sense of my weakness, in renouncing what I ought to renounce, in believing what I ought to believe, in doing what I ought to do.

Make me to know and feel my faults, and give me a godly repentance, and an earnest hope in Thy promises. Help me to profit by the instruction now given me, and to prepare for this holy ordinance, that I may obtain all the strength which Thou art ready to give me in it, and then go forward boldly and faithfully to serve Thee; through Him Who died for us all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On the Anniversary of Birthday.

BLESSED be God, Who created me in His image, for causing me to be born of Christian parents in a Christian country; for giving me my members and my senses perfect;

for bringing me to Holy Baptism, and granting to me the inestimable Gift of regeneration; for accepting me and strengthening me in Confirmation; for imparting to me so often the most precious food of the Body and Blood of Christ; for my preservation during my past life, and especially during the year now elapsed.

The good Lord forgive me the great waste of the time allotted me for working out my salvation! of the many days of health and strength spent in vanity! of the manifold opportunities of doing good which I have lost! O Lord, I owe Thee doubly all that is left to me by Thy long-suffering. Grant that I may henceforward be a diligent steward of my time, and of all Thy other gifts. Make me so thankful for all Thy mercies, that I may continually desire to make proof of my gratitude. Make me full of godly indignation against myself, on account of my oft-repeated sins, and earnestly desirous to listen to Thy Holy Spirit. O Lord God of the living, whether living or dying, I am Thine! May the day of my death be better than the day of my birth. And before the night cometh, when no man can work, may my sins be forgiven, and my pardon sealed in heaven! So that I may have a place of rest among Thy faithful servants in the Paradise of God, until the good Lord make me perfect in body and soul in His eternal and everlasting glory; through the merits of my blessed Saviour. Amen.[1]

On the Anniversary of a Death.

O LORD, Who hast taught us not only to pray, but to give thanks for all men, I

[1] Use hymn No. 12.

return my humblest thanks and praise for the grace Thou hast wrought in Thy Saints throughout the world. For all Thy servants, and especially for . . . , who have departed this life in Thy faith and fear, I praise and magnify Thy glorious Name, most humbly desiring of Thy mercy and goodness that I may continue in their communion, and may follow with all diligence their good example; so that finally we may attain together to the resurrection of the just; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On the Anniversary of Confirmation.

O LORD, Who as on this day didst admit me to be strengthened by Thy Holy Spirit in the ordinance of Confirmation, I beseech Thee to bless the remembrance thereof to me. I glorify Thee that Thou didst then allow me to make solemn profession of my various duties to Thee, and to declare myself Thine for ever. Forgive the many failures and rebellions of which I have since been guilty, and enable me still to listen for and obey the suggestions of Thy good Spirit, and to persevere in His strength unto my life's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before Reading or Hearing Holy Scripture.

No. 1.

O LORD and Master Jesus Christ, Word co-eternal with the Father, without begin-

ning, Who didst become as we are in all things, sin only except, for the salvation of our race; Who didst send out Thy holy disciples and apostles to preach and to teach the Gospel of Thy kingdom, and to heal every sickness and every infirmity in Thy people; do Thou, O Master, now send out Thy light and Thy truth. Lighten the eyes of my understanding to comprehend Thy Divine oracles. Fit me to be a hearer thereof, and not only to be a hearer but a doer of the Word. Prepare me to bear fruit, and good fruit, thirty and a hundred fold, that I may be counted worthy of the kingdom of heaven, and glorify Thee with the Father and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever. Amen.

No. 2.

LORD, I humbly desire Thy help to keep my Lord Jesus ever before my eyes while reading Thy holy Word. Give me the deepest reverence for it. Preserve me from all taint of unbelief and error. Grant that all I learn may bear fruit in amendment of life, and in increase of faith, and love, and usefulness in Thy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before Public Speaking, or other Public Work.

O LORD God, I give myself to Thy guidance in this work. Suffer me not to go from the path of what pleases Thee, and promotes Thy glory. Give me, I beseech Thee, special grace to be an instrument whereby Thou shalt ›rk Thy purposes in this matter. And if it

please Thee to vouchsafe success to that which is done through Thy unworthy servant, protect me against myself, against vanity and vainglory. Check and calm me when elated. Make me simply grateful for the honour of being a channel of Thy power, and most anxious that all men shall see that it is not my doing; so that they may give Thee the credit of Thine own work, and that I may receive only the honour that cometh from Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips. Amen.

In Time of Perplexity.

O GOD of light, and truth, and goodness, may Thy Holy Spirit direct me in this perplexity. Let me faithfully consider what is required of me, that I may see my duty, in the settled purpose of doing what I believe to be most acceptable to Thee. Help me to omit nothing, in order to be rightly informed and wisely directed; and then strengthen me to walk bravely in the line of Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Time of Temptation.

O HEAVENLY Father, for Thy Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord, have mercy on me, and succour me in this trial, in this assault of the evil one. Deliver my soul from his craft and his power; send Thy holy Angels to defend me. Bring forth the spear, and stop the way against them that pursue me; enable me either to withstand firmly, or to flee in safety to Thee. Without Thee I am helpless, with Thee I can do all things! According to Thy blessed will, O Lord,

deliver me. Oh, let me not be disappointed of my hope! Amen.

In Time of Ill-success and Discouragement.

O ALMIGHTY God, Father and Lord of all creatures, Who hast disposed all things so as best to glorify Thy wisdom, serve the ends of Thy justice, and magnify Thy mercy; Who by secret and indiscernible ways dost bring good out of evil; we humbly beseech Thee to give us wisdom to adore Thee, and to admire Thy unsearchable footsteps. Teach us to submit to Thy Providence in all things; to be content in all changes of persons and conditions; in prosperity to be temperate; in adversity to be meek, patient, and resigned, and to look through the cloud, waiting for the consolation of the Lord. Strengthen us in the meantime with Thy Spirit in the inner man to do our duty with an unwearied diligence and an undisturbed resolution, laying up our hopes in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Time of Depression.

O THOU great Physician of men, I come to Thee for relief from the pressure which lies sadly upon my spirits. Indeed my work seems all unsatisfactory, my efforts so feeble as to be useless, and I not improving in energy, or devotion, or saintliness. My whole heart is sick, my mind out of tune, and my faculties disabled, even for praying to Thee as I ought. To Thee, as my sure Refuge, I betake myself for help. As this depression is Thy visitation, I willingly submit to it; I resolve to bear it as my own infirmity

without repining. Yet with unfeigned resignation to Thy will I humbly supplicate Thee to remove it in Thy good time. Restore to me soon, I pray Thee, a cheerful composure of mind, a firm trust in Thy overruling providence, and a simple devotion of all my efforts and energies to Thy glory, so that in patience and hope I may quietly work on until Thou shalt call me to rest with Thee in Paradise; unto which blessed place vouchsafe to bring me, with all Saints, there to await the resurrection of the just, and eternal glory in heaven, world without end. Amen.

In Personal Affliction.

"Jesus Christ crucified would have few imitators, if God did not lay the cross on us."

No. 1.

O BLESSED Jesus, I ought to think it an honour that I am called to bear a cross after Thee. Oh, fit and prepare me for this burden which Thou hast now laid upon me, and do Thou help me to bear it willingly and with resignation. O my Lord, I cannot but be very sad under it. I cannot but feel faint and weary. But Thou wilt prevent me from being hopeless and murmuring. I want patience, and Thou canst give it me. I want to keep myself still, and Thou canst calm me. And when the pangs of this affliction are lightened for a time, let me gain a great step upward in humble hope. So when they return, and press keenly and almost unbearably upon me, I may still feel that relief is at hand, and be comforted, and find Thy hand outstretched over me, to draw me to Thyself, and subdue my impatience, and heal my sore heart.

. . . Lord, I will turn myself to think of Thy agony of soul; of Thy desolation, when Thou wast forsaken of God! And what is my sorrow compared to Thine? though I be indeed in want of some of Thy comforts, yet not of all; though I be chastened, yet I am not forsaken; though I be cast down, yet I am not destroyed; yea, even though my outward man decay and perish, yet let my inward man be renewed daily. "Lord, I wait on Thee!" "I thank Thee! I take courage!" Amen.

No. 2.

WHY art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul; and why art thou so disquieted within me?

Oh, put thy trust in God, for I will yet give Him thanks for the help of His countenance.

Turn again, then, unto thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

In the midst of the sorrows that I had in my heart Thy comforts have refreshed my soul.

Nevertheless, though I am sometimes afraid, yet put I my trust in Thee.

He truly is my Strength and my Salvation. He is my Defence, so that I shall not fall.

Thou art my Helper and my Redeemer. O Lord, make no long tarrying.

When I am poor, and in heaviness, Thy help, O God, shall lift me up.

When Indisposed to Pray.

I ADORE Thee, O Lord my God, for Thy goodness in permitting us to pray to Thee in the Name of Thy Son Christ our Lord. I pray Thee to forgive this coldness and slug-

gishness. Stir up my heart to be eager for communion with Thee, to tell out lovingly my fears and desires in Thy Fatherly ear, to listen humbly for Thy answer in the depths of my soul. O God, Thou art moving me now to desire the true spirit of prayer. Give it me, I beseech Thee, that I may worship Thee acceptably; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Under Punishment of Abstinence from Communion.

O LORD, Who hast in Thy love invited me to this awful and life-giving feast, I deplore the wretched necessity of being punished by the loss of its inestimable privilege.

I beseech Thee, O Lord, to restore me to my place in the communion of saints, to forgive me what I have done amiss, to let this loss and shame work in me a repentance not to be repented of.

Enable me, O Lord, to arise and cleanse myself according to the purification of the sanctuary. Endue me again with the marriage garment of a good conscience, and bring me soon to rejoice again in the participation of Thy most precious Body and Blood, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth in glory for ever. Amen.

In Sickness.

No. 1.

O BLESSED Lord, Who didst suffer and die, and art able to feel for my sorrow; I receive this sickness from Thee, and look up to Thee for comfort and help. Grant me now to be patient and meek like Thyself.

Pardon all my sins, and give me the help of Thy grace. Let Thy blessing be upon the means I am using to get well, and bring me to health again if it be Thy holy will; but if not, then take me, of Thy great mercy, as it shall please Thee, out of this present suffering to a happy rest with Thee. Amen.

No. 2.

O GOD, I beseech Thee now to wean my affection from all things here below, and to fill me with an ardent desire to be with Thee, which is far better. Lord, I beseech Thee, make me to will this, as I do believe it. Fit me for Thyself, prosper this chastisement to me, and then call me when Thou pleasest to joy unspeakable and full of glory, that I may be with Thee where Thou art. Amen.

No. 3.

O LORD Jesus, I desire neither life nor death, but Thy most holy will. Be it unto me according to Thy good pleasure. If it be Thy will, O Lord, that I live, let me live not for myself, but for Thee; and if it be Thy will that I die, let me die, not for myself, but for Thee. In either case I am Thine not mine. Amen.

No. 4.

REMEMBER Thy servant, O Lord, according to the favour that Thou bearest unto Thy children; that I may see the felicity of Thy chosen, and rejoice in the gladness of Thy saints, and give thanks with Thine inheritance.

Oh, remember not my former sins, but have

mercy upon me, O Lord, and that soon, for I am come to great extremity.

Help me, O Lord God of my salvation, for the glory of Thy Name. Oh, deliver me, and be merciful unto my sins, for Thy Name's sake.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, Thy tender mercies, and Thy loving-kindness, which have been ever of old.

Oh, remember not the sins and offences of my youth; but according to Thy mercy think Thou upon me, O Lord, for Thy goodness.

Cleanse me, O Lord, from my secret faults; from whatsoever I have done amiss by thought, word, or deed; by ignorance or error, frailty or negligence; by leaving good undone, or by doing evil; in public, in private; against Thee, against my neighbour, against my own body.

Cleanse me from all, remembered or forgotten. Lay none of them to my charge. Scatter them as the mist. Make them to vanish away, and be as nothing.

And whereinsoever my conscience most accuseth me, therein, O Lord, be Thou most merciful.

If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

Wherein sin hath abounded, there let grace much more abound.

O Lord my God, let Thy mercy rejoice against Thy justice.

Oh, look upon me, and be merciful unto me, as Thou usest to do unto those that love Thy Name.

O Lord, let Thy strength be made perfect in my weakness.

Unto Thee lift I up mine eyes, O Thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto

the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until He have mercy upon us. Amen.

Prayer at the Beginning of Sickness.

GLORY be to Thee, O heavenly Father, Who in Thy wisdom knowest what is best for me. Lord, if it seem good in Thy sight, divert from me this sickness, which I now feel seizing on me, that I may employ my health to Thy praise and glory. But if Thou art pleased that it should grow on me, I willingly submit to Thy afflicting hand. For Thou, Who art wont to chastise those whom Thou dost love, wilt never lay on me more than I am able to bear. I know, O my God, that Thou layest this sickness on me for my good, even to humble and reform me. Oh, grant that it may work that wholesome effect on me. O Lord, create in me a true penitent sorrow for my many sins, a steadfast faith in Thee, and sincere resolutions of amendment. Deliver me from all frowardness and impatience, and give me entire resignation to Thy Divine will. Oh, suffer not the disease to take away my senses; and do Thou continually supply my mind with holy thoughts and ejaculations. O Lord, bless the means used for my recovery, and restore me to health in Thine own good time. And if Thou hast otherwise appointed for me, Thy will be done! Amen.

In Pain.

O LORD, Thou knowest all things! Thou seest my pain and suffering. Oh, lift Thou up above it, to think of Thy pain suffered

for me! Was ever any pain like unto Thine; and Thou wert ever wholly innocent. Oh, save me and deliver me, for Thy mercy's sake. So far as I can, I offer up this my pain to Thee, rejoicing in it if it be coupled with Thy sufferings, if Thou be with me now, to feel for me, to soothe me, to cheer me, to pity me. O good Lord, grant me Thy loving nearness, and speak peace to my soul, for it listens for Thee. Draw me, and I will eagerly follow Thee in this Thine own path of suffering. Oh, search my heart, and root out of it everything that displeases Thee. Shed abroad Thy love in it. Pour out upon it Thy refreshing streams of holiness. Be absolute master of my thoughts, and let them not run away from Thee. O Lord, Thou hast in Thy Providence sent this pain, and Thou canst take it away! Lord, I surrender myself contentedly to Thy will. Thy will be done. Amen.

In Sleeplessness.

O LORD Jesus, Who didst spend nights in watching and prayer, help me now to use this sleeplessness to Thy glory, by following Thy holy example, and being still, and contented, and resigned. Give me a share, O Lord, in those Thy prayers. If I cannot pray earnestly, at least, O Lord, I can feel Thy gracious Presence, and rest my soul on Thee. Keep me from wandering thoughts and distractions, and bind me fast to Thee, to the joy of forgiveness, and the hope of glory; through Thy merits. Amen.

At the Close of Life.

I WAS glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the House of the Lord.
Our feet stand in Thy gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together.
Whither the tribes go up,
The Tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel,
To give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
For there are set thrones of judgment,
The thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem;
They shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls,
Prosperity within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions' sakes,
I will now say,
Peace be within thee!

On Abatement of Pain.

BLESSED be Thy mercy, O Lord, Who hast pitied me in my misery. Even as a father pitieth his children, so hast Thou pitied me. O Lord, I will love Thee, and sing of Thy mercy. In my distress I will always trust in Thee, and not be afraid. I will remember this Thine act of mercy to me. For Thou art our Strength when we suffer, and our merciful Deliverer when we can endure no more. To Thee be glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On Recovery.

THOU hast heard my prayers, O Lord, and the prayers made for me, and Thou hast raised me up in my sickness, and given

me the expectation of recovery. I praise and glorify Thy merciful goodness for this Thy extended long-suffering towards me; for this further time given me for repentance, and amendment, and sanctification, and service. And I beseech Thee, O Lord, to make my thankfulness lifelong, that it may permanently affect my conduct, in great advance of holiness, and purity, and love of Thee. I beseech Thee to make my good resolutions to last and abide, that I may not be one of the unthankful ones, and sin again, and a worse thing come unto me. Especially, O Lord, I entreat Thee, that as Thou restorest strength to my body, so Thou wilt also to my mind; that I may not be fretful and impatient in the progress to soundness, not look with regret upon the gradual withdrawal of invalid indulgences, but brace myself, by Thy gracious help, to an active, wholesome tone of mind and affection, and long only for entire return to Thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On the Amendment of a Sick Friend.

GREAT and mighty God, Who bringest down to the grave, and bringest up again, I bless Thy goodness in having turned our heaviness into joy, and our mourning into gladness, by restoring our friend to some degree of *his* former health. Blessed be Thy Name, that Thou didst not forsake *him* in *his* sickness, but didst visit *him* with comfort from above, didst support *him* in patience and submission to Thy will, and at last didst send *him* seasonable relief. Perfect, I beseech Thee, this Thy mercy towards *him*, and prosper the means which shall be employed towards *his* perfect cure; so that, being re-

stored to health of body, vigour of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, *he* may be able to go to Thy House, to offer Thee an oblation with great gladness, and to bless Thy holy Name for all Thy goodness towards *him;* through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On a Death in a Family.

No. 1.

O GOD of the spirits of all flesh, in Whose hand are the issues of life and death, so that when Thou speakest the word, we turn again to our dust, and are no more seen; we humble ourselves under Thy mighty hand, which we acknowledge to be upon us at this time. We adore Thy majesty, and submit to Thy providence in releasing Thy servant from the miseries of this sinful world, and in leaving us in sorrow and sadness. Thou hast taken *him* to Thyself, and left us to lament *his* departure. O merciful and loving Father, Thou doest all things well, and of Thy very faithfulness dost cause us to be troubled. Thou wilt not blame our human sorrow, for our Lord Jesus wept for His friend. Give us a calm and lowly resignation. Thou hast loosened one more link which bound us to earth; may it now bind us to heaven. For the souls of the righteous are in Thy hand, and there shall no torment touch them. As gold in the furnace hast Thou tried them, and found them worthy for Thyself. Make us to realize more vividly the communion of Saints, and bless this season of sorrow to us who survive, that we may comfort one another with the hope of everlasting bliss in the glorious kingdom of Thy Son Christ Lord. Amen.

No. 2.

ALMIGHTY God, with Whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with Whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; we give Thee hearty thanks for that it hath pleased Thee to deliver this our *brother* out of the miseries of this sinful world, beseeching Thee that it may please Thee, of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, to us to whom *he* was dear, that we sorrow not as men without hope, but that we may be resigned to Thy blessed will; and remembering how frail and uncertain our condition is, may apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On seeing Others sin.

O LORD, Who didst die for us, forgive them in this! I need sorely forgiveness myself; and what am I, that I should intercede for others? But Thou Who didst listen to Abraham, listen even now when I pray to Thee, to intercede Thyself for these Thy thoughtless children. Bring them back, I humbly dare ask, to the way of repentance and life. Let not the stain of this sin rest on me who see it, or on them who do it. But

let it be washed out at once and for ever by Thy Death and Passion. Amen.

During a Parochial Mission.

No. 1.

O MOST merciful Jesus, Who hast said, I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance; look graciously upon this parish. Subdue and convert the hearts of careless and godless sinners, of all whom the subtlety of sin has deceived, or the darkness of ignorance has blinded, that they may be drawn to Thee, and find light and truth in Thee, most merciful Lord. Amen.

No. 2.

O GOD our heavenly Father, Who dost stir the hearts of men when Thou wilt and as Thou wilt, we pray Thee for Thy dear Son's sake to bless abundantly this effort to turn many of Thy children to repentance, and to lift up many to joy and peace in believing. Give a double portion of Thy Spirit to those priests whom Thou hast called to help in this work (*especially* . . .). Send them forth in the mighty power of the Holy Ghost to convince men of sin, to preach good tidings unto the meek, to bind up the broken-hearted, and to proclaim liberty to all who are under the dominion of other lords than Thee.

Prepare, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the hearts of those to whom they are sent, soften the vicious and worldly, rouse the indolent, alarm the careless, subdue the pride of the self-righteous, kindle the lukewarm, encourage the fearful, cheer the responding, and bring to Thyself many souls closely knit in the bonds of love to Him Who

died for us, Jesus Christ our Lord; to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be the glory of this work, now and for ever. Amen.

On a Vacancy in a Parochial Cure.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of us Thy servants, and of Thy loving-kindness grant, we pray Thee, a priest to this parish, who by faithfulness in teaching and holiness of life may be well pleasing unto Thee, and who by watchfulness and zeal may promote Thy glory and the salvation of souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On a Visit.

O LORD, look down graciously upon this household. May Thy Presence abide in it, and protect it. May Thy holy Angels watch over it. May it be a house of love, and peace, and holiness. Bless all the members of this family, present and absent. Unite them in the bonds of brotherly love, and in the fellowship of the Church militant and at rest.

And especially I pray for the children, that they may grow up in Thy fear, and may give their hearts to Thee in the days of their youth; so that both young and old may be Thine, now and for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In a Holiday.

O LORD Jesus, my Master, Who takest kindly thought for my weakness, and for my need of intermission of labour, I thankfully

acknowledge Thy indulgent goodness in granting to me this time of rest. Keep me safe in its various temptations. Sanctify it wholly to Thy purposes. Direct me so to use it that I may be effectually refreshed both in body and mind, and that I may return to my work cheered and invigorated, full of gratitude to Thee, and of renewed zeal for Thy service. Grant me this for Thine own sake. Amen.

Before a Journey.

O LORD God, Who art the same everywhere, and from Whom no distance can separate me; accompany me, I beseech Thee, on this journey. Protect me from all danger and harm, either to body or soul; and bring me safe to my journey's end, in Thy peace and favour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

After a Journey.

O LORD, I thank Thee for Thy loving care of me in this journey. Thou hast given Thine angels charge over me. Thou hast preserved my going out and my coming in. Thou hast protected me in dangers I knew not of, and hast brought me once more to glorify Thy goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Intercessions.

For the Church.

No. 1.

GRACIOUS Father, I most humbly beseech Thee for Thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth. Where it is corrupt, purge it; where it is in error, direct it; where it is superstitious, enlighten it; where anything is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in want, furnish it; where it is divided and rent asunder, make up the breaches of it; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 2.

O LORD Jesus Christ, make me to feel something of Thy exceeding love for Thy Church, and to pray earnestly that she may be prepared as a bride for Thy coming, all glorious, without spot, perfect in purity and beauty. Oh, let me not delay this her preparation, but grant, O Lord, that I and all her members may join heartily in glorifying Thy wonderful love, by striving to make her ready for the great day when Thou shalt return to take her to be one with Thee for ever. Amen.

For the English Church.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, for this branch of Thy Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. Be with us according to Thy promise in all our troubles. Stablish us in sound and accurate doctrine. Give us courage to maintain it unflinchingly. Strengthen us to show forth the fruits thereof in ever-increasing holiness of life. Guide us in the externals of worship, to think first of Thy honour, to be in accordance as far as may be with the practice of Thy holy Church in times past, to be sensible in distinguishing things important from things trivial, and to be patient and discreet in reforming what is amiss. Make us eager to recognise a godly zeal in one another; defend us from the worldly, the fanciful, the erastian, and the schismatic; and make us to be an united Body in the knowledge and confession of the full truth of Thy holy Word and Sacraments; for the sake of our dear Lord and Head, Jesus Christ. Amen.

For a Sister Church.

O ALMIGHTY God, King of kings, Who from Thy throne dost behold all the dwellers upon earth, I thank Thee for that Thou hast given to the Church of our country a Sister Church in the Church of . . . Let the dew of Thy blessing descend evermore on it, and make it rich in every fruit of the Spirit. Grant that between its members and ourselves the communion of Saints may be maintained for ever unbroken, to Thy glory, and to the edifying of the Body of Christ in love. Grant also that the

hearts of the fathers may be so turned to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, that peace and love may be multiplied among nations, and that the whole world may receive a blessing from on high; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Clergy.

GRANT, I beseech Thee, O Lord, to Thy Church the inestimable benefit of a pious, active, and learned clergy. Illuminate them with a true knowledge and understanding of Thy Word; advance them in all such studies as help to the same; make them ever diligent in prayers; and above all, adorn them with personal holiness and loving zeal for Thy work; that both by their life and doctrine they may faithfully serve in their holy office to Thy glory, and to the edification of Thy Church. Grant to our Bishops a double portion of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may be truly fathers of Thy flock. Bless all parish priests and Cathedral clergy. And more especially do I pray for . . . , that he may be a truly discreet and learned minister of Thy Word, and that whenever we cannot quiet our own consciences, and require further comfort or counsel, he may have the mind of Christ to advise and guide us according to Thy holy will; so that hereafter we may rejoice together in Thy heavenly kingdom over help given and received; through the power of Thy most Holy Spirit, Who with Thee and Thy blessed Son liveth and reigneth one God, for ever. Amen.

For Church-Helpers.

O THOU good Shepherd of the sheep, Who willest not that any should perish, but that all men should be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth; be with those who are helping to seek Thy lost sheep in the wilderness of this sinful world. Let Thy love and patience be shown forth in their lives and conversations; Thy tenderness and compassion in their words and actions; may they win many souls for Thee, and kindle in other hearts a desire to devote themselves to works of love. And grant, O Lord, that we may be all knit together as living stones in the unity of Thy Church, and be brought at last to Thee, in everlasting glory, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. Amen.

For a Synod or Council.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who by Thy Holy Spirit didst preside in the councils of the blessed Apostles, and Who hast promised, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with Thy Church unto the end of the world; I pray Thy blessing on the synod . . . assembled in Thy Name. Keep far from the members thereof all pride, ignorance, prejudice, and error; and of Thy great mercy vouchsafe to direct and sanctify their deliberations and measures, that thereby Thy kingdom may be set forward, Thy truth promoted, and the order and discipline of Thy Church maintained; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

For Missions.

No. 1.

WE praise Thee, most gracious God, for causing the light of the Sun of Righteousness to shine upon us. Give us grace always to acknowledge this inestimable benefit, by walking as children of light, and by compassionating those who are still in darkness. Fill us with a hearty desire to make Thy way known upon earth. Prosper, we beseech Thee, the undertakings of all Missionary Societies, and especially of *The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, or* . . . Make the members and supporters thereof zealous and diligent. Bless those who direct its operations. Give them a single eye to Thy glory, and a most charitable spirit to all fellow-workers. Give them discretion to do Thy work rightly, courage to persevere in it undauntedly, and influence to spread the interest thereof throughout the Church. And then, O Lord, bless the great Cause, even the extension and consolidation of Thy kingdom. Let not the souls redeemed by the Blood of Christ perish in ignorance and sin. But strengthen Thy servants to gather in the heathen to Thy fold; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 2.

O MOST blessed Saviour, Who of Thy great goodness hast given to us the light of Thy Gospel, and hast appointed a succession of men to preach Thy Word and administer Thy Sacraments; make our hearts truly grateful for these Thy gifts, and earnestly desirous that others may alike enjoy the same.

Increase the number of faithful labourers, and fill them with zeal for Thy glory, and for the salvation of the unbelieving and ignorant. Vouchsafe Thine aid to those who labour afar off among the unconverted. Grant to all Thy people, and especially to Missionary Societies, liberality, wisdom, and love, that we may aid in this holy work, and that our prayers and alms may come up for a memorial before the Father, and be accepted in His sight. Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth one God, now and for evermore. Amen.

No. 3.

PROSPER, O Lord, all missions, both at home and abroad, *especially at . . .* , with such increase of holiness that they may win many to the acknowledgment of Thy truth. Make them centres of spiritual life to the quickening of many souls; for the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

For the Heathen.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who art the King of all the earth, remember the multitudes of the heathen, who, though created in Thine image, are perishing in their ignorance, and losing that which Thou hast purchased for them by Thy Atonement. Grant that, by the prayers and labours of Thy holy Church, they may be delivered from superstition and unbelief, and brought to know and love Thee; to Thy honour and glory, Who, with the Father and Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth for ever. Amen.

For our Fellow-Countrymen Abroad.

O LORD Jesu Christ, Who hast commanded us by Thy Apostles to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, and as we have each received Thy gift, so to minister the same one to another; grant to our fellow-countrymen who sojourn in distant lands, that being baptized into Thy holy Name, they may show forth Thy praises, Who hast called them out of darkness into marvellous light. Preserve them, we beseech Thee, from the sin of offending Thy little ones who believe in Thee, and from causing Thy Word to be blasphemed among the Gentiles. Make them as the salt of the earth, as the leaven in the lump, and as light in the world; so that many, beholding their good works, and won by their holy life, may be turned to glorify Thee in Thy truth, O Lord, our Saviour and our God, blessed for ever. Amen.

For the Colonies.

O BLESSED Lord, Who wouldst have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth; look in mercy on those parts of the earth that lie still in ignorance and error, and let the glorious Gospel of Thy Son shine upon them; particularly on the colonies and dependencies of Great Britain, and all such places as are now, or were formerly, under our government, and intrusted to our care. Plant and foster in each of them a branch of Thy Church. Prepare fit men to be sent as the ambassadors of Christ to those who dwell there, and raise up sufficient help to support and encourage them that are sent. Give an abun-

dant blessing to their labours, and make them successful to the saving of souls; through His mediation Who hath commanded us thus to pray; to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, now and for evermore. Amen.

For Missionaries.

No. 1.

O MOST merciful Saviour and Redeemer, fulfil Thy gracious promise to be present with those who are gone forth in Thy Name to preach the Gospel of salvation in distant lands. Be with them in all perils by land or by water, in sickness and distress, in weariness and painfulness, in disappointment and in persecution. Bless them with Thy continual favour, and send Thy Holy Spirit to guide and comfort them. O Lord, let Thy ministers be clothed with righteousness, and grant that Thy Word spoken by their mouths may never be spoken in vain. And so prosper Thy work that the fulness of the Gentiles may be gathered in, and all Israel be saved. Grant this, O Lord, for Thine own sake. Amen.

No. 2.

O THOU Who art Thyself the Builder and the Husbandman of Thy Church, and Who hast chosen the weak and base things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; grant unto all those who labour together with Thee, that they, accounting their own planting and watering to be nothing, may confidently look unto Thee to give the increase; and also that they may have grace so to preach

the unsearchable riches of Christ, that the savour of Thy knowledge may be made manifest by them in every place, and that Thy Gospel may come unto the Gentiles, not in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Catechumens.

REMEMBER, Lord, the catechumens of Thy people, who in various lands are under instruction preparatory to their baptism, *and especially those in whom I am personally interested, viz.* . . . Have mercy upon them, confirm them in the Faith, remove all remains of the worship of idols from their hearts, and plant therein Thy laws, Thy precepts, Thy fear, Thy truth, and Thy commandments. Give them a firm knowledge of the Word in which they are trained, and grant that in due time they may be worthy of the washing of regeneration for the remission of their sins. Prepare them to be a habitation of the Holy Ghost to the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Converts.

O GOD, by Whose Spirit the whole Church is multiplied and ruled, preserve in the newborn offspring of Thy family the grace of sanctification which Thou hast given. And grant that they, being renewed both in body and mind, and earnestly cleaving unto the unity of the Faith, may be enabled faithfully to serve Thee their Lord; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Children.

ALMIGHTY Father, I humbly thank Thee for the many good gifts which Thou hast bestowed on the children whom Thou hast intrusted to me. I reverently implore Thy special favour and regard towards them. Make them to grow in true wisdom, in the knowledge and love of Thee, and lead them on to all perfection of human nature. Grant them health and strength of body, due capacity of mind, and accomplishments of education. Give them the power and the will to serve Thee signally and faithfully. Protect them in all temptation. Keep them in all purity, and devoutness. Give them sufficiency of worldly means. Make the boys sensible, manly, honest, simple-minded, and tender-hearted; and the girls gentle, amiable, useful, and unselfish. Help me to bring them up with all possible care and discretion, as a diligent steward of Thy most precious treasures; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Godchildren.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, I thank Thee that I was privileged to join in the charitable work of bringing to Thy holy Baptism my Godchildren, *viz.* . . . (*here mention them*). I pray Thee that they may have power and strength to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. In due time give them the benefit of Confirmation, and bring them worthily to Thy holy Table, so that they, who were made partakers of the Resurrection of the Lord in their baptism, may daily advance in the gifts of

the Spirit, crucifying the old man, and following the example of Christ our Lord; and finally attain to the resurrection of the just; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

For Candidates for Confirmation.

O LORD God, Who through Thy Church dost invite these Thy servants to come to Thee in this holy ordinance, give them, I beseech Thee, strength to live as becomes Thy adopted children; and so help them by Thy Spirit to fight the good fight, that they may endure unto the end, and at last receive the crown of everlasting life. Assist them so to prepare for this ordinance that they may have a deep sense of their present weakness, and of their failure in doing their duty. Make them to feel bitterly their faults and shortcomings, and give them a godly repentance, and an earnest desire for Thy grace.

And grant, O Lord, that when they approach Thee to seek Thy strength, they may humbly, and thankfully, and cheerfully, make profession of their faith and duty, and then receive from Thee all the benefits of spiritual comfort and courage, and go forth strengthened to mortify all evil and corrupt affections, and daily to advance in all virtue and godliness of living; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Relations and Friends.

O LORD and Father of all, I pray Thee on behalf of my relations and friends, *especially* . . . . Make them to love Thee with all their heart and strength, that they may do all things as unto Thee, and daily amending

their lives, may grow in holiness, through the power of Thy most Holy Spirit. Give them a continual sense of Thy Presence. Make them diligent and useful in Thy service. Lighten their burden of bodily infirmity, or worldly trouble. Keep us in loving remembrance of each other. May their prayers for me be accepted, and return into their own bosoms; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Absent Friends.

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast given us the comfortable assurance that Thou art present in every place to hear the prayers of such as fear Thee, and to protect those for whom we pray; I cheerfully commit my friends, *especially* . . . , to Thy favour and care. Pardon their sins; preserve them from all dangers to body and soul; and grant that we may meet again happily in Thy love, if not in the flesh, then at the foot of Thy throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Departed Friends.

LORD God of the spirits of all flesh, Who art ever to be glorified in the quick and in the dead, Who hast knit all Thy members together with bands which death cannot loosen; I entreat Thee on behalf of all those departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, *and especially for* . . . For Thy dear Son's sake, our Saviour and Redeemer, give them pardon of all sins and transgressions which they committed in the flesh. Enter not into judgment with them, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. Spare them by Thy mercy, reckon

them among the number of Thine elect, write their names in the Book of Life, grant rest to their souls, and count them worthy of the felicity of Paradise. Give them the joy of Thy Presence in the habitations of light and gladness, where the souls of the faithful, delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity with Thee, waiting for their perfect consummation and bliss; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

For an Invalid.

O LORD God, Thou makest all things work together for good, and Thou hast mercifully been pleased to withdraw Thy servant from many amusements and occupations which *he* formerly enjoyed. Make *him* thankful that Thou hast thus taken *him* from things which perhaps filled too much of *his* heart. Grant that *he* may now place *his* whole happiness in Thy promises, and in the hope of rest and communion with Thee, and thus may be finally secured to Thee, and be made a partaker of Thy joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Sick.

No. 1. *General.*

ALMIGHTY and merciful Father, Who art the Dispenser of life and death, of health and sickness; look mercifully upon Thy servants whom Thou hast afflicted in the body for the wellbeing of the soul. Bless the means that are used for their recovery, and restore them to their

former health and strength, if it be Thy gracious will.

But above all things, I beseech Thee to grant that, through Thy Fatherly visitation, they may attain to a deeper repentance and a more earnest faith, may grow in patience and in meek submission to Thy will. And if Thou art pleased to take them hence, so fit and prepare them by Thy grace, that they may depart in charity with man, at peace with Thee, and with a blessed hope of everlasting life. Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

No. 2. *Special.*

O HOLY Father, Who chasteneth us for our good, that we may be partakers of Thy holiness; have mercy on this Thy servant, and bless to *him* such chastisement as in Thy love Thou art pleased to lay upon *him*. May it yield the peaceable fruits of righteousness in *him*. May it be the means, under Thy blessing, of stirring in *his* heart a true repentance for all sin. Especially, O Lord, may it wean *him* from that sin which hath most hurt *him*, so that it may no more get the dominion over *him*. So shall *he* confess that Thou of very faithfulness hast caused *him* to be troubled, and evermore give thanks to Thee for Thy mercies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 3. *Special.*

REMEMBER not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take Thou vengeance of our sins. O God, Who keepest Thy servants with tender affection, incline

Thine ear to my supplications. Hear me when I pray to Thee for *him* that is sick.

Have pity on *him*, O Lord, according to Thy mercy, and deliver *him* from all evil, from the power of Satan, from unholy thoughts, from pain of body and mind, from Thy dreadful wrath.

Grant unto *him* a humble and contrite heart, a genuine and full repentance.

Take from *him* all murmuring and impatience.

Pardon, wash out, obliterate all *his* sins and offences. Make *him* to accept *his* sickness humbly and gratefully, as a gracious call from Thee, Who wouldst not that any should perish. Enable *him* to resign *himself* entirely to Thy blessed will. Give *him* grace to praise Thee in illness, thankfully to call to mind the happiness of former health, and patiently to submit to all *his* pains and weariness. Give *him* the will to offer up *his* sufferings to be united with those of Thy dear Son, Who suffered for *his* sake. Amen.

O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, grant *him* Thy peace.

O Refuge of the distressed, refresh *him* that is weary and heavy laden. Be mindful of this poor member of Thy Body, and let not Thy precious Blood be shed in vain for *him*, but thoroughly sanctify *him* by Thy Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on *his* soul, and save it.

Call *him* now to Thyself, stir up *his* heart to greater sorrow for sin, to thorough change of inclination towards it, to earnest and zealous desire of pleasing and obeying Thee in everything. And receive *him* into the number of the glorified, to praise and serve Thee eternally. Lastly, O Lord, let not the world, the flesh, and the devil come back upon *him* in the intervals

of prayer, so as to drive out good thoughts and holy wishes and desires. But quicken them in *him!* Make them to grow and flourish in *him* without interruption or hindrance; not only in the time of solemn devotion, but at all times. May the well of living water be so filled with the Spirit that it may overflow in *him* through all the hours of the day, and yet more in the sleeplessness and restlessness of the night, to Thy honour and glory, Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

No. 4. *Special.*

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in Whose hands are the issues of life, and Whose infinite wisdom ordereth all things for the best to them that love Thee; look down with Fatherly eye on this one whom Thou hast touched with Thine hand. Support *him* with Thy grace, strengthen *his* faith, increase *his* hope, and perfect *his* charity. And if it shall please Thee to call *him* to Thyself, carry *him* safely through the valley of the shadow of death, through which our loving Saviour hath passed before us. And finally receive *him* into those heavenly mansions which the same Lord is gone to prepare; where no fear shall trouble *him*, no pain distress *him*, no anxiety disturb *him*, no infirmity afflict *him;* where perfect security, pure delight, and unceasing joy await all who truly love Thee. Amen.

For those in Pain.

No. 1. *General.*

O GRACIOUS Father, Whose dear Son bore for us unspeakable agonies, being scourged, and crowned with thorns, and nailed to the Cross; have mercy on Thy children in suffering, and grant them grace to fix their eyes upon the Cross, and to find strength there to copy the example of Him, Who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the Cross; so that following their Divine Master through suffering they may follow Him to His eternal glory; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 2. *Special.*

O MOST merciful Saviour, Who in Thy bitter Agony didst pray that the cup might, if possible, pass away from Thee, yet didst drink it to the dregs; Thou knowest every pang which Thy servants suffer, and Thou hast compassion on them. Look down, we pray Thee, lovingly on *him*, and, if it may be, take away this cup from *him*, or, if not, give *him* strength to bow *his* head, and to drink it, saying, "Not my will, but Thine be done." Hear us, O gracious Saviour, now and evermore. Amen.

For a Sick Child.

O LORD Jesus, Who lovest little children, and didst Thyself live as a little child upon earth; have mercy upon this Thy child, now laid upon the bed of sickness. Thou art the Good

Shepherd, and carest for the lambs of Thy flock, leading them tenderly, and bearing them in Thy holy arms. Oh, bring Thy little one safely through the time of sickness and danger. Teach *him* to be meek and gentle, and loving and obedient, like Thyself. Save *him* from fretfulness and impatience. Let *him* feel that Thou art ever near. Let *him* learn to love Thee better and better; and if Thou art pleased to restore *him* to health and strength, make *him* to remember Thy goodness evermore, and so to live all *his* days here (be they many or few), that *he* may live with Thee, Who hast died to save *him*, in the endless bliss and glory of heaven. Hear me, O merciful Jesus, Who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

For the Dying.

No. 1. *General.*

O LORD Jesus, Who didst endure death as the wages of our sin, be with Thine own members who are now encountering it throughout the world, *and especially with* . . . Make them to feel now, O Lord, in their dying agony, that Thou hast taken away its sting, and that it is to them not the wages of sin, but the rending of the veil which now prevents us from beholding the great vision of the Almighty. O Lord, comfort them with a most comfortable assurance that their sins are forgiven, absolutely put away, cast behind Thy back. Fill them with a hope of rest with Thee immediately, and of glory with Thee in Thy good time. O Lord, even now forgive them what they have forgotten to confess to Thee; even now in the last moment sanctify

them wholly! O Lord Who didst shed Thy Blood for their sake, to reconcile our Father unto them, O Lord Who hast preserved them by Thy grace in the unity of Thy Church, do Thou, O Lord, restore them to complete communion by the last sprinkling of Thy precious Blood. Lord Jesus, be very near them! Lord Jesus, vouchsafe to reveal Thyself unto them! Lord Jesus, guide them! Lord Jesus, accept them! Amen.

No. 2. *Special.*

O GOD the Father, Who lovest us, have mercy upon us, and hear my intercession.

O God the Son, Who diedst for us, have mercy upon us, and hear my intercession.

O God the Holy Ghost, Who helpest us, have mercy upon us, and hear my intercession.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, One God, have mercy upon us, and hear my intercession.

Remember not, O Lord our Saviour, the offences of Thy servant, neither take Thou vengeance of *his* sins: spare *him*, good Lord, spare Thy servant, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious Blood, and be not angry with *him* for ever.

Spare *him*, good Lord.

By Thy all-prevailing Cross and Passion; by Thy most sacred Body which suffered upon Calvary; by the shedding of Thy most precious Blood, good Lord, deliver *him*.

By the awful hiding of Thy Father's face; by Thy exceeding bitter cry; and by the bowing of Thy head in death; good Lord, deliver *him*.

O Lord God, may it please Thee to grant to Thy servant pardon for all *his* sins, that they may not be remembered against *him*;

May it please Thee, if Thou seest fit, to restore him again to consciousness, and to enable him to call upon Thee in his hour of need;

May it please Thee to grant unto *him* a peaceful and painless end, and all such blessings as in our ignorance we know not how to ask;

May it please Thee to bestow upon Thy servant the mercy Thou showedst to the dying thief, when Thou saidst, "To-day thou shalt be with Me in Paradise;"

May it please Thee, above all, to grant unto *him* a blessed rest among Thy Saints departed; a glorious resurrection at the last day; and an eternal inheritance in Thy kingdom.

O Son of God, I beseech Thee to hear me. Amen.

For One in Sudden Danger.

O MOST gracious Father, we fly unto Thee for mercy in behalf of this Thy servant, now lying under this sudden visitation of Thy hand. If it be Thy will, preserve *his* life, that there may be place for repentance; but if Thou hast otherwise appointed, let Thy mercy supply to *him* the want of the usual opportunity for the trimming of *his* lamp. Stir up in *him* such sorrow for sin, and such fervent love to Thee, as may in a short time do the work of many days; that among the praises which Thy Saints and holy Angels shall sing to the honour of Thy mercy through eternal ages, it may be to Thy unspeakable glory that Thou hast redeemed the soul of this Thy servant from eternal death, and made *him* partaker of the everlasting life which is through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For One whose Intellect is Disordered.

O GRACIOUS Father, Who in Thy wisdom leadest us in paths that we know not, we commend to Thy great mercy this our afflicted *brother;* and inasmuch as it hath pleased Thee to take from *him* the power to pray, oh, hear, we beseech Thee, the unworthy prayers of Thy servants who make intercession for *him.* Thou hast bidden us to pray for one another. Thou hast promised that, if we ask, Thou wilt give life unto them that sin not unto death. O merciful Father, pardon, we earnestly entreat Thee, pardon the past sins of Thy servant, for the sake of Him Who shed His precious Blood upon the Cross for us. Impute them not unto *him.* Magnify Thy mercy in forgiving one who cannot now seek forgiveness. Deliver *him* from the wrath to come. Let not this soul, for which Thy beloved Son gave His Life, perish everlastingly. And, O gracious Father, teach us, to whom Thou dost yet grant the power to repent and to pray, to seek Thee truly while the day of salvation lasteth, knowing that the night quickly cometh, in which no work of grace may be done. May we so live as we should wish to die; and so die that we may rise with a joyful resurrection at the last day; for the sake of our only Mediator and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

For the Miserable.

O LORD, Who dost not willingly afflict the children of men, behold from Thy holy habitation of heaven the multitude of miserable people among us, and have mercy

upon them, have mercy upon them. Have mercy upon all ignorant souls, and instruct them; on all deluded minds, and enlighten them; on all seducing and seduced spirits, and convert them. Have mercy on all that are fast bound in poverty and vice, and free them; on all that are drowning in the wickedness of the world and stretch forth Thy hand to them. Have mercy on all broken hearts, and heal them; on all struggling with temptation, and rescue them; on all languishing in spiritual dryness, and revive them. Have mercy on all that stagger in faith, and establish them; on all that are fallen from Thee, and raise them. Have mercy on all that groan under their sins, and ease them; on all that bless themselves, and go on in their wickedness, and curb and stop them. O blessed Lord Jesus, Who didst shed Thy Blood to save them, save them from wrath, and heal them, for Thy infinite mercy's sake. Amen.

For the Despondent.

O HOLY Jesu, we fall down before Thee, and beseech Thee to have mercy upon Thine afflicted servant. Lift from *him*, if it may be, the heavy burden of *his* affliction. Thou wast despised and rejected of men, a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. Thou hast borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. Thou art touched with the feeling of our infirmities. Thou knowest every pain and pang that rends the heart. Thou knowest the heaviness which boweth down Thy servant's soul. O Thou Whose soul was exceeding sorrowful, even unto death, look in mercy upon *his* sorrow. Pardon in *him* all faithless thoughts and fears,

and dispel them by Thy grace. Lift from above *his* head the dark cloud of despair, and let the bright sunshine of Thy love shine round about *him*. Teach *him* to trust Thy word, and to believe in Thy promises; and let *him* not be cast down overmuch by the anguish of *his* own weak and sinful heart. Teach *him* to look from *his* own wounds to Thy blessed Cross, and may *he* find healing, and comfort, and peace, when Thou seest fit. May *he* remember that it is not *his* own feelings, but Thy promises, which are the pledge of everlasting salvation. And if *he* may not know here joy and peace in believing, may *he* nevertheless enter at length into the joy of *his* Lord and the perfect peace of Paradise, there to dwell with Thee, Who livest and reignest, with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God evermore. Amen.

For the Thoughtless.

O GOD and Father of all, Who delightest in the happiness of Thy creatures, send down Thy Holy Spirit upon those who are drawn away by the pleasures of youth, the opportunities of wealth, or the excitement of sin, to forget Thee, and neglect their regenerate life. Enlighten them, calm them, control them, make them to see the vanity of earthly pleasures; and so subdue their natural energies by the power of Thy supernatural love that they may spend them in Thy service, to Thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Sceptics.

O LORD God of truth, I cry to Thee in behalf of all who are hesitating and

wavering in their belief, *especially* . . . I implore Thy mercy on those who have madly cast off their faith.

Do Thou, I humbly beseech Thee, convince them by Thy Holy Spirit, and disperse the miserable doubts that come between them and Thy awful truth.

O Lord, Who alone knowest the hearts of men, be pleased to touch each one as Thou only canst do it. Clear away the pride and the evil influences which have poisoned their spirits. Send to each the medicine which is most appropriate to *his* case. Make them humble; make them ashamed of their ignorance and their sins; make their eyes to see Thee, that they may abhor themselves, and repent in dust and ashes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Penitents.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, Who willest not the death of a sinner, but that all should come to repentance and live; look mercifully upon those who return to Thy shelter, desiring no longer to continue in those ways which have been their ruin. Deliver them from the bondage of the evil passions from which they are now endeavouring to escape. Reveal within them the law of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may be set free from the law of sin and death. Sanctify the outward discipline of their rule to the quieting of all fleshly impulses, and empower the ordinances of Thy Church to be the means of cleansing their hearts from all evil recollections and impure desires. Bring them to humble obedience, and sincere reformation of life. Perfect within them, by the gift of perseverance, the work which Thou hast so graciously begun.

Watch over those who have now returned to the necessary labour of the world. Lead them onward from grace to grace, that they may not only have a name to live, by the respectability of their outward conduct, but a holy consciousness of restoration to Thy favour, and of blessed participation in the life of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Intemperate.

O GOD, Who hast declared that they who defile and abuse their bodies shall not inherit the kingdom, we beseech Thee to have mercy upon drunkards, and all other intemperate persons, *and especially upon* . . . Rouse them, O Lord, and rescue them from the sinful habits which have the mastery over them. Open their eyes to see their desperate danger. Call them to escape for their lives while there is yet time. Lay hold of their hands while they linger in self-indulgence and fleshly fulness, and bring them to glorify Thee in godly abstinence and self-denial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Soldiers and Sailors in Time of War.

O GOD the Lord of Hosts, we humbly commend to Thy especial care our relations, friends, and countrymen now serving in our forces by sea and land.

We heartily pray Thee that Thy purposes may be accomplished in this war with as little suffering as possible to Thy servants upon whom its hardships and perils fall. Be Thou with them, O Lord our God, to help them, and fight our battles. Preserve them from disease, and

from the sword of the enemy; and grant that under all circumstances they may put their whole trust in Thee, and so may boldly and patiently do their duty in that work to which it hath pleased Thee to call them.

We beseech Thee also to comfort those who are near and dear to them, lighten their griefs and anxieties, and grant them patience and resignation to Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Blind Person.

O JESU, Light of the world, and Sun of Righteousness; look down in mercy upon this Thy servant in *his* blindness. Thou camest to give sight to the blind. Give *him*, I pray Thee, spiritual sight. Shed the rays of Thy blessed truth upon *his* soul. Enlighten *his* mind to discern clearly the things which belong unto *his* peace. Though the bodily eye be in darkness, may the eye of the soul be full of light. May *he* have faith to look, not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. Keep *him* from the blindness of sin and ignorance, from all darkness of thought and deed. May the light of the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ shine into *his* soul. May *he* walk as a child of the light. And when the night of this world is ended, may *he* awake up in Thy likeness, and seeing Thee face to face, enter the light of everlasting day. Hear me, O Saviour, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

For Mourners.

O MERCIFUL and loving Father, Who doest all things well, and of very faithfulness dost cause Thy children to be troubled, I acknowledge Thine infinite wisdom and all-wise providence in visiting these Thy servants with Thy heavy hand, and laying upon them this cross. Make them to bow submissively to Thy holy will, and give them a calm and lowly resignation. Make the house of mourning to be better to them than a house of feasting. Soften permanently by Thy grace the hearts that now bleed, and draw them steadily and strongly to Thee. Comfort them with the hope of heavenly things, and make all earthly desires to wither and vanish away from their hearts, that they may put their whole trust and happiness in Thee only; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Parish, or District, or Town in which one Lives.

No. 1.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, Who dost appoint to each of us our place and our sphere of work, and Who hast set me to serve Thee here, I call upon Thee earnestly for all souls herein. May Thy blessed Son intercede for them. May Thy Holy Spirit cleanse, enlighten, and exalt them. May Thy Word have free course. May Thy Sacraments be duly administered, and gladly partaken of. Bless the little ones of Thy flock, and the schools wherein they are trained to know Thee. Comfort and sustain the aged. Make those in the

prime of life industrious and honest. Relieve and restore the sick. Make the rich earnest and tender-hearted, and the poor contented and frugal. Illumine the clergy with knowledge of heavenly things. Give them the true spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice. Give them holiness of heart and life. Enable them to correct the peculiar errors and faults of this place. Make them to be faithful stewards of Thy mysteries, that when their work is made manifest, they may have praise of God. Strengthen and confirm the faithful (especially those who help the work of the Church), and give to all an earnest longing for Thy service. Gather the well-disposed into the communion of Saints, and perfect those who, being regenerate, are constantly renewed by Thy grace. Have mercy upon those who know not the foundations of the Faith; dispel their ignorance, and bring their hearts and minds to know Thee and Thy truth. I pray earnestly, O Lord, for the conversion of the sot and the drunkard, the gambler and the sensualist. I pray for those who have none else to pray for them, and for those who never pray for themselves, that they may be converted, and enlightened, and brought home to Thy fold. Stretch forth Thy hand to save those who are sinking, who have no power of themselves even to cry to Thee. Touch the hearts of the hardened, and impenitent, and careless. Bring back those who are in error, and subdue the pride of man to obedience and submission. Let not Thy Mysteries be sullied by mixture of unbelief and heresy, nor sound doctrine marred by inventions of human fancy. Soften schismatics and heretics, that they may be drawn by Thy love, and may cast away every false opinion. Convince the prejudiced, and

remove all opposition to godly designs, and to the true advancement of Thy Church. And grant, O Lord, that Thy holy truth may be so publicly maintained, constantly taught, humbly believed, and zealously practised by all in their several stations, that we may dwell together in faith and love, and glorify Thee our Father Which art in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 2.

ALMIGHTY God, we humbly beseech Thee to bless our own church and parish, and to further with Thy continual help those who labour in it in Thy fear and to Thy glory. Grant us lowliness of spirit, singleness of purpose, sobriety of judgment, steadfastness of perseverance in all good works; and bring us at last to Thy heavenly kingdom; for the love of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Institutions on whose behalf our Prayers are Engaged.

O LORD Jesu Christ, Who hast promised that if two of us shall agree on earth as touching anything that we shall ask, it shall be done for us by our Father Which is in heaven; I desire now to join with those who have agreed with me to pray for . . . and for . . . I humbly claim this Thy most gracious promise. I beseech Thee to pour Thy blessing upon these institutions and undertakings. Guide their counsels. Prosper their actions. Supply them with the persons and the means necessary for their efficiency. And so strengthen the members and agents thereof for all good work in their

respective departments, that they may effectually accomplish the purposes of their association, and conciliate the support and assistance they need, to Thy honour and the promotion of Thy kingdom, now and hereafter. Amen.

For Religious Communities.

BLESS, O Lord, I pray Thee, all institutions of the Church wherein Thy people are banded together in Thy love and for Thy service. And regard, O Lord, with especial favour . . . . and all other religious communities of the Church in England. Make true religion and earnest self-devotion to flourish and abound therein. Grant that the members thereof may be edified, and go forward in ever-increasing holiness of life, and loving trust in Thee. Enable them to put their whole treasure in heaven, and to work heartily, and faithfully, and wisely in Thy Church. And may each of these bodies cherish a friendly and cordial spirit towards the others. Put away all envy, and rivalry, and coldness, that each may work in its own province, and be comforted and encouraged by the prayers and good wishes of the rest, so that all may be together rewarded by Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Guilds and Confraternities.

O GOD our Father, we beseech Thee to look with favour on the guilds and confraternities of our Church, *especially our own.* Guide and direct them to be the means of supplying to their members the mutual help of a godly sympathy, comforting and sustaining one another under the manifold difficulties of life in the flesh.

Strengthen those who are thus banded together to be earnest and persevering in the observance of the rules and discipline of the body to which they belong, that they may cherish brotherly love, and advance continually to a higher standard of saintly life. And may the ties of their association ever draw closer and tighter the mystical union of all in Thy holy Catholic Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Fellow-Members of a Guild or Confraternity.

O GRACIOUS Father, I humbly beseech Thee to bless my fellow-members in this association. And that they may be enabled to walk in Thy commandments, and to serve Thee in their vocation, grant unto them the spirit of diligent prayer. Uphold them in all dangers and temptations, make them humble and gentle, obedient and diligent, and strengthen them with Thy Holy Spirit to fill their part worthily in our fellowship; for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.

For the Household.

O LORD God, Who hast so distributed the stewardship of worldly riches that Thou hast called some of Thy children to be servants in the households of others, and by occupying them with the things of others hast given them signal opportunity for exercising unselfishness; I intercede with Thee for my own household.

I pray Thee on their behalf, *and especially for* . . . , that in their ministrations to me and mine they may do their service as unto Thee and for Thy sake, not with eye-service as men-

pleasers, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

Make them diligent and zealous, honest, sober, self-denying, good-tempered, and patient, forbearing one another, helping one another. Let them not be distracted from religious duties. Protect them in the peculiar temptations of their position. Reward them for all their attention and goodwill to me. Enable me so to conciliate their affection that their duty may be the easier. And finally, O Lord, make them so faithful in that which is another's, that Thou mayest hereafter give them that which is their own, even the reward of the inheritance, the true riches of life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

General Litany.

LORD, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

In all our life here in earth, in prosperity and adversity, in youth and age, in health and sickness, in work and in rest, by day and by night, and in death and resurrection and judgment,

Spare us, good Lord.

From all impiety and wilful wickedness, from unbelief, mistrust, and despondency,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From faulty motives, from self-seeking, and independence of Thee; and from carelessness in our work,

Good Lord, *etc.*

From pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy, from self-assertion and conceit, from fretfulness, hurry, and undue excitement,

Good Lord, *etc.*

From foolishness, and rashness,
Good Lord, *etc.*

From idleness, and laxity of self-control,
Good Lord, *etc.*

From harshness, and discourtesy.
Good Lord, *etc.*

From impurity, and intemperance, from everything which ought not to be named among the saints,
Good Lord, *etc.*

From cowardice, impatience, frivolity, and shrinking from our duty; from levity, flightiness, inconstancy, and lukewarmness, and from self-pleasing,
Good Lord, *etc.*

From irreverence,
Good Lord, *etc.*

From the vanity of worldly pleasure, and the anxieties of worldly business,
Good Lord, *etc.*

From the guile and malice of the devil,
Good Lord, *etc.*

From every unworthy idea of Thy majesty and goodness,
Good Lord, *etc.*

From errors of faith, from undervaluing or misconceiving the mysteries of Thy sacraments,
Good Lord, *etc.*

From forgetfulness of our calling and adoption, from disregarding our privilege of admission to Thy holy ordinances, and from all unthankfulness,
Good Lord, *etc.*

From neglecting to worship Thee in public or in private, from worshipping carelessly, or unworthily, or superstitiously,

Good Lord, *etc.*

From audacity and hastiness of judgment,

Good Lord, *etc.*

From want of deference to our superiors, and from speaking evil of dignities,

Good Lord, *etc.*

From malice and hatred, party spirit, ill-temper, and readiness to take offence,

Good Lord, *etc.*

From envy, discontent, and restlessness,

Good Lord, *etc.*

From falsehood, exaggeration, and every form of untruthfulness,

Good Lord, *etc.*

By the mysteries of Thy holy Incarnation, by Thy Life and Ministry, Thy Death and Passion, Thy Resurrection and Ascension,

Good Lord, *etc.*

In times when we are tempted by the world, the flesh, or the devil,

Good Lord, *etc.*

In every crisis of life, in difficulties of work, in time of infectious disease,

Good Lord, *etc.*

In contact with death, in time of perplexity, in discouragement, in personal affliction,

Good Lord, *etc.*

In sickness and pain, in weakness and disappointment,

Good Lord, *etc.*

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God, and that it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Church universal in the right way;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to look mercifully upon the English Church, and to guide her in her troubles, and to purify her with Thy Holy Spirit;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to provide Thy Church with all that is outwardly necessary for Thy work in the conversion of souls;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to give Thy priests a spirit of devotion, and boldness, and love, and to make them bright examples to Thy flock;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to touch their hearts with a most hearty love for those committed to their charge, with earnest zeal for their salvation, and with an awful and most devout reverence for Thy holy Mysteries;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to stir the hearts of the laity, to help in good works, and to hasten Thy kingdom;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to bless all communities of women, that in holiness of life they may please Thee, and that in helping the clergy and succouring the afflicted they may do good service in Thy Church;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to bless the missions of the Church, all those who work in them, both clergy and laity, men and women, and to prosper their labours in our colonies and among the heathen;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to show Thy favour upon our schools, and upon all children brought up in Thy faith and fear;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to bless my own immediate relations and friends, *especially* . . . ;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to reward those who have acted kindly by me, and those who have ministered to me the means of grace;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to bring those who love me, *especially* . . . , to share with Thy Saints in glory everlasting;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to bless according to their several necessities those who have asked for my prayers, and those who are joined with me in the observance of any outward rules of life;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to pardon those with whom I have at any time shared in sin, to forgive those who have done me any wrong, and to recompense to every one any loss, and to undo any mischief that I have caused them;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to have mercy upon

the sick and distressed, and to give them a happy issue out of all their afflictions;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to confer the places of dignity and responsibility in Thy Church upon those who are best fitted for the same;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to guide the hearts of those whom Thou hast endowed with wealth, that they may be self-denying and liberal, and wise in promoting the cause of godliness and true devotion, and in charity to the poor;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to raise up among our commercial people a sense of scrupulous honesty in their dealings; and to check the spirit of idle speculation;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to cause all who employ others to recognise their responsibility to treat their dependents as brethren in Christ;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to repress the extreme luxury of the rich;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to check and root out the dreadful drunkenness of our people;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to cleanse our towns and villages from the degradation of unchastity;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to comfort and help the poor, and to bring them to eternal life;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to remedy, in Thine own good time, the miserable evils of the crowded dwellings of the poor;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to bless the earth that it may bring forth its fruits abundantly, and to give us such seasonable weather that we may live healthfully, and gather in happily the produce of Thy bounty;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to withhold and ward off from us the scourges of war, famine, and pestilence, to keep us safe from earthquake and tempest, and extremes of heat and cold;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to shed forth Thy Holy Spirit in this parish, and to bring all to repentance and holiness of living;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to convert hardened sinners; to have mercy upon those in error and schism; and to bring them back to Thy fold;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

That it may please Thee to give us true, and earnest, and lifelong repentance, an undoubting trust in Thy Promises, and a sure confidence in Thy Love;

We beseech Thee, *etc.*

O Christ, hear us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

For the Use of Clergy and other Special Servants of the Church.

For a Parish Priest.

No. 1.

O LORD Jesus Christ, my Master and Lord, I kneel before Thee to beg help for Thy service. Give me zeal to minister, as for Thee, Thy word and sacraments. Give me knowledge to be sound and accurate in doctrine. Give me courage to maintain the truth boldly; and discretion to declare it seasonably, persuasively, and effectively, so as to correct the peculiar errors of my cure. And guide me by Thy almighty Hand to bring in safely those committed to me, that my work may abide when tried by the fire, to Thy honour and glory. Amen.

No. 2.

O LORD our heavenly Father, Who hath called me to so high a dignity and so weighty an office, print on my remembrance how great a treasure is committed to my charge. Make me, as Thy messenger, energetic and zealous; as Thy watchman, vigilant for the great interests of Thy flock; as Thy steward, faithful in dispensing those treasures of Thy word and sacraments which are committed unto me.

Grant that I may never cease my labour, nor intermit care and diligence, to do all that lieth in me, according to my bounden duty, to bring all such as are committed to my charge unto the knowledge of God in Christ, that there be no place left among us either for error in religion or for viciousness in life.

Enable me so to read and weigh the Scriptures that I may wax riper and stronger in my ministry, and may in Thy strength instruct the people committed to my charge out of them.

I desire, O Lord, as Thy instrument, to minister with faithful diligence the doctrine and sacraments of Thy Church; to banish erroneous doctrine; to use private as well as public exhortations to all, both sick and whole; to be unceasing in prayer and diligent in study; to frame and fashion my own self and my family according to the doctrine of Christ, that we may be wholesome examples and patterns to His flock; to maintain and set forward quietness, peace, and love; reverently, and with a glad mind, to obey my ordinary and chief ministers.

Give me, O Lord, a hearty will to do all these things. Grant to me the strength and power of Thy most Holy Spirit to perform the same, that He may accomplish the work which He hath begun in me.

O Lord, Thou hast promised to be with us always. Thou hast commanded us to cast all our care on Thee. Thou hast declared that, if Thou shalt find Thy servants watching, Thou wilt Thyself most highly honour them.

So be it, O Lord, to me, Thy most unworthy servant. Amen.

Intercession for Flock.

O GOD of mercy and truth, I humbly beseech Thee for all who, either in the body or out of the body, are linked to me by spiritual ties; for those whom I have been appointed to feed with the Word of Life; for those who have trusted themselves to me either in confession, or in seeking advice; for those whose gifts and alms I have received; and above all, for those who have taken any hurt or hindrance through any fault or negligence of mine. Supply my deficiencies; undo my mistakes; stretch forth Thy merciful hand, and of Thy unutterable goodness give them forgiveness of sins, and bring them to the rest of the blessed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before Praying with the Sick.

O LORD, it is a great presumption that one sinner should dare to commend another to Thy Divine Majesty (especially a greater sinner to commend one who has sinned less than himself)! But Thou hast promised that the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and that Thou wilt raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

O Lord, forgive me my sins, my great and grievous sins, often and many times committed, long and many years most grievously continued, that so I may make my prayers for others in the Name of Thy dear Son.

In Thee I trust; in Thee I hope; to Thee I fall down and pray; through Jesus Christ our Lord. O Lord, save *him*. O Lord, raise *him* up. O Lord, forgive *him*. Amen.

On Preparing a Sermon.

BE graciously pleased, O Lord, to help me in the ministry for which I am preparing. Guide and supply my thoughts, that I may feed the flock committed to me with the Word of Life, and glorify Thee by forwarding Thy kingdom in their hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before Celebrating the Holy Eucharist.

No. 1.

O SOVEREIGN Lord God, look Thou upon me, Thy unprofitable servant, in Thy wonderful compassion. Abhor not my unworthiness. Cleanse my lips and my heart from all pollution of flesh and spirit. Put far away from me every base and foolish thought, and fit me, by the power of Thy Spirit, for this service, that I may come before Thy glory without condemnation. Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings presented by my hands. Supply my defects. Empower me so to minister the Bread of Life to the sheep of Thy flock, that Thy holy mystery may not be dishonoured by my faultiness, and that they and I may receive it in its fulness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 2.

GRANT to me, Lord, I beseech Thee, a simple childlike awe of this great Mystery, a solemn and abiding sense of Thy holy Presence therein, and all possible reverence of heart and voice and gesture in ministering the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Commendation of a Former Flock.

I ENTREAT Thy blessing, O Lord, upon all those who have at any time been committed to my charge (*especially at . . .*). Forgive my mistakes, my cowardice, my neglects. Make up to them even now my deficiencies. Grant that the ties which have been formed between us may not be broken through sin, nor forgotten through multiplicity of worldly cares, but that we may love each other with a careful remembrance, as we hope to be remembered by Thee. And I pray, O Lord, that whatever good I may have been permitted to communicate to them as Thy servant, may be found after many days matured in fruitfulness by Thy holy power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for use of Lay-Helpers.

O THOU Who hast by Thy Divine Providence appointed divers orders of ministers in Thy Church, and hast committed to each order the separate duties of its peculiar office, but still dost encourage all Thy people to minister to Thee; look mercifully upon me, and on my desire to aid Thy servants, the clergy, in my proper place in the Church. O Lord, I thank Thee for the leisure which Thou hast given me in the midst of my worldly occupation. I desire to dedicate a portion of it directly to Thy service. Enable me, in whatever I undertake for the good of others, to persevere in it steadily as in Thy sight, to sanctify all I do by prayer; and when I would teach the ignorant, to seek humbly to

be taught by Thy Holy Spirit. Save me from vainglory and self-righteousness. May I be stirred to supply the needs of others by deeply feeling my own need of help and guidance; and grant, O Lord, that my intercourse with sinful souls, and the sight of the misery which sin has brought into the world, may ever make me cling closer to Thee, and be more truly thankful for Thy Gospel. Grant this, O Father, through Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for a Deaconess.

No. 1.

ALMIGHTY God, Who didst call Phœbe and other holy women to help Thy Church, and hast called me to a like ministration, I give Thee most humble thanks for the honour Thou hast put upon me. Fill me with all Christian graces, that by my labour and good example I may faithfully serve Thee, to the glory of Thy Name, and the good of Thy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, Who hast laid upon me the duty of ministering to the poor, the sick, and the ignorant, and of helping the ministers of Thy Word and Sacraments, pardon my indolence, and neglect, and faultiness in the performance thereof, and enable me by Thy help to do it ever more and more diligently and lovingly. Forgive my imperfect obedience to those who have been over me in the Lord; help me to accomplish henceforward whatever service shall be appointed to me cheerfully, faithfully, and acceptably; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 2.

O ALMIGHTY God, I pray Thee to look upon me, to whom Thou hast intrusted divers duties in Thy Church. O grant me abundant supplies of Thy grace to strengthen my weakness, and to fit me for the exercise of so great an office. Suffer me not to lower it by lightness, or by want of zeal or diligence. Let no failing or infirmity of mine hinder Thy work, or put a stumblingblock in the way of others. Give me patience, and constancy, and resolution to endure all things for Thy sake, and especially in ministering to the poor, the sick, and the needy. And give me power to act consistently with my profession, and to lead a spotless and holy life. Make me to abound in Christian love towards my fellow-workers, and towards all men; and that, loving Thee above all things, I may love that which Thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 3.

O ETERNAL God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator both of man and woman, Who didst replenish Miriam, and Deborah, and Anna, and Huldah with the Spirit, Who didst not disdain that Thine only-begotten Son should be born of a woman; cleanse me by the power of the Holy Ghost from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, that I may worthily accomplish the work committed to me, to the glory of Thy Name. Make me meet both for skill in womanly ministrations, and for godly life and conversation, to exercise this office. Help me diligently and lovingly to minister to the

poor, the sick, and the ignorant; and in all humility and godly submission to set aside all unwomanly usurpation of authority in the Church, and to help the ministers of Thy Word and Sacraments. Help me to be obedient to them who are over me in the Lord, and cheerfully and faithfully to perform the service that shall be appointed to me. Give me a steadfast purpose to grow more efficient in all parts of this office, and to continue in it perseveringly and bravely, unless manifestly called out of it by the unmistakable voice of Thy holy will. And make my calling to this place and dignity in Thy Church a means and help to my own eternal salvation and closest unity with Thee, both now and hereafter; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for Members of Religious Communities.

No. 1.

O GOD, Who hast appointed divers ranks and orders amongst mankind, and hast made discipline and subordination to be necessary when we are banded together for Thy sake; give unto all of us grace to submit ourselves one to another in Thy fear. Grant that those who are in authority may govern and direct with courtesy and gentleness, and that those who are to obey may do so with cheerfulness and goodwill; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 2.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, I beseech Thee to pour Thy continual blessing upon

this society, and upon every member thereof, both present and absent. Pardon and remove all coldness, divisions, and ill-temper. Knit our hearts in gentleness, and forbearance, and brotherly love, after the example of Thy Saints. And grant that vital religion, industry, discipline, and abundant charity may here flourish and grow, to the glory of Thy Name, the comfort of Thy members, and the salvation of our own souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 3.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, to look mercifully upon this society, and to give us severally such a measure of Thy grace as may fit us for our respective duties. Make us respectful and obedient to our superiors, friendly to our equals, kind, and considerate, and attentive to our inferiors. Make us so to live according to Thy Word that our society may be a means of keeping alive and promoting the spirit of pious and active service in this Church; for Thy dear Son's sake. Amen.

No. 4.

O LORD, I venture humbly to pray that a double portion of Thy Spirit may be shed forth upon the heads of all institutions in our Church. Give them such wisdom, and judgment, and discretion, that they may order all things prudently and successfully. Make them patient, laborious, and zealous, so that by their example we may be stirred up to more earnest devotion and self-denial. And especially I pray for Thy servant . . . under whom I now work

for Thee. Be with *him* in all *his* troubles, assist *him* in all *his* difficulties, cheer *him* with a most comfortable assurance of our sympathy and goodwill. Fill *his* heart with love and hope, prosper all *his* designs, and enable me, O Lord, to support, and second, and help *him* to the best of my power, with all loving obedience and cheerful self-sacrifice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 5.

O LORD, I approach Thee with especial earnestness on behalf of my fellow-members in this community. I desire to ask for them that which shall seem good unto Thee as most expedient for them, and do Thou supply all that I fail to ask. Give them earnestness and self-control, gravity and gentleness, prudence and discretion, modesty and humility, and unfeigned kindness to all. Give them forbearance, and self-denial, and brotherly love. Let them not seek to please men, but do all things as unto Thee. Give them grace to love Thee and Thy service, and Thy holy Word and Sacraments, above all earthly treasure; to watch continually unto prayer, and to glorify Thee by purity and holiness of body, soul, and spirit. Recompense them for their affection to me, *especially* . . . Strengthen them against their peculiar temptations. Be Thou their Protector and Defender, their Comfort in sorrow and disappointment, their Refuge in doubt and difficulty, their Support and Stay in all time of sickness, and in the hour of death. And be Thou, O Lord, their exceeding and eternal great Reward for evermore. Amen.

No. 6.

I GLORIFY Thee, O Lord, for the great privilege which Thou hast lovingly conferred upon me by planting me in this home, and surrounding me with an atmosphere of godliness.

I heartily thank Thee for having so far taken me out of the difficulties and dangers of the world, for withdrawing me from many evil influences of company and conversation, for preserving me from the contagion of a worldly tone of thought and standard of life.

Oh, make me to realize the responsibilities of this blessing. I desire to show Thee how I value this peace by striving to maintain it outwardly and inwardly, by yielding myself to the spiritual atmosphere around me.

Help me, O Lord, never to mar the harmony of pious life here. Grant that it may so influence and mould my own character that I may myself contribute to the edification of others, and that we may be throughout a holy company, acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 7.

O ETERNAL God, our heavenly Father, Who alone makest men to be of one mind in a house, give me grace to order my life in lowliness and reverence to those above me, in kindness and gentleness to those beneath me, in godly love towards all, that ever esteeming others better than myself, I may dwell here in perpetual peace and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 8.

O LORD, Who by Thy providence didst bring me into this community, assist me, I pray Thee, to observe its rules faithfully, and incline me always to give myself willingly and thoroughly to any work which shall be appointed to me.

O Lord, I thank Thee with my whole heart for the kindness and sympathy of my *sisters*, which have soothed and refreshed me when fatigued, and cheered me when disheartened, and so often comforted and consoled me. Enable me to make a worthy return of loving gratitude towards them. I now implore Thy blessing on this community, and on all belonging to it, and on all in any way connected with it. I beseech Thee to renew my strength to serve Thee effectively, and to do my duty to my companions in all possible love, and gentleness, and sympathy, even for Thy love, O Lord, Who didst love us to the bitter Cross and the dark grave. Amen.

No. 9.

O LORD God, Who hast commanded us all to love one another, I feel that Thou must surely expect those whom Thou hast called together to live in this community to be singular examples of forbearance and love to each other. Oh, let me not fail in my part! Thou knowest my difficulties! But do Thou guide me and strengthen me to attain such gentleness and humility that I may really think others better than myself, and conciliate even those who are unwilling to be conciliated. Give

me the disposition to take a lenient and charitable view of my *sisters'* defects, and to turn my eyes from them as much as possible. Be it far from me to direct attention to them, or to join in observing them sharply, still less to exaggerate them. Give me the spirit to put the best construction on my *sisters'* actions, entirely to abstain from harsh judgments, from impatience and irritability of temper. I know, O Lord, that they have much to overlook in myself! Wherefore I desire the power of governing my tongue carefully, of saying and doing as far as possible such things as may please them. I would fain be a bond of union between opposite temperaments. Wherefore, O Lord, give me a strong sense of gratitude to each of them for many a kindness bestowed upon me; and an earnest desire to requite them, and honour Thee, by loving them sincerely, so that we may set forth an example of harmony and mutual love in this Thy house; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Anticipation of joining a Religious Community of Women.

O LORD God, I most humbly beseech Thee to bless this design of giving myself to live and work with this community. I acknowledge my unfitness, and the greatness of the duties which I undertake. I throw myself, as Thy child, upon Thee for guidance, and even now beseech Thee not to let me join this community unless it be to Thy glory and my own salvation. But if Thou dost call me, O Lord, as I believe, I come to Thee obediently, confessing all my defects and disqualifications, which Thou, O Lord, knowest right well. I

acknowledge and confess unto Thee especially . . . I pray Thee that the remaining time of my probation may suffice to enable me to eradicate all tendency to these. I prostrate myself before Thee, and cry to Thee for all that I require—even obedience to my superiors—sisterly love to my equals—steadfastness and perseverance in my work and my purposes—good temper, and courtesy to all—and an earnest, deep-seated humility and tenderness, so that I may never stand upon my dignity, or hesitate to set an example of womanly usefulness on all occasions. Finally, O Lord, I entreat that my joining this community may be the happiness of all its members; and lastly, that I may confidently rejoice in obeying Thy calling herein; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Occasions of Church Work.

For a Woman engaged in helping Missionary Work Abroad.

No. 1.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who hast committed unto me, Thy unworthy servant, a share in the work of making Thee known to the heathen; give me strength, and courage, and all other necessary graces for so great and loving a work. Give me first a lifelong repentance of my own sins, and cherish in me a continual growth in holiness, not only for my own sake, but for the sake of the heathen who see me; that the working of Thy Spirit may appear in me, in my life and example; that I may be transparent with the Light of the world shining forth in me, and from me. Give me zeal and discretion to set forth Thee and Thy Gospel to all men who come in contact with me. Give me humility and obedience to be duly subordinate to the clergy whom I help. And may I do something, O Lord, for Thee, especially among those of my own sex, to allure them unto Thee, Who art graciously waiting to receive them, that they may be gathered into Thy fold, and acknowledge Thee as their God and Saviour. For Thine own sake, O Lord, I ask this with all my heart. Amen.

No. 2.

HELP me, O Lord, our Saviour, I beseech Thee, and hear the prayers of my friends for me at home and abroad, in this difficult work. I pray humbly for these poor women, that Thy Spirit may enlighten them, and draw them unto Thee. Let not the natural good qualities which Thou hast implanted in them be corrupted to the service of the devil; but convince them of their idolatry, and give them such boldness of faith, that they may confess Thee, O Lord, and be gathered into Thy kingdom, and accepted as members of Thy Body. Open their hearts and their minds to the truth, and compel them to come in, O Lord, before it be too late; for Thine own sake. Amen.

On a Summons during the Night.

O LORD, Who didst allow Thine own rest and leisure to be broken when wearied with ministering the Bread of Life, and didst go out to those who sought Thee, and wast moved with compassion toward them; overcome now the sense of my weariness with the desire of being in all things Thy follower, and graciously unite me closer to Thee in this my service for Thy sake. Amen.

In Time of Infectious Disease.

O LORD, the strength of all that trust in Thee, according to Thy promise I beseech Thee for an especial gift of holy courage in this time of trial. I know that I take my life in my

hand, to spend myself in ministering to the sick and dying. I entreat Thee for a special gift of entire repentance of my sins, for a clear conscience before Thee, and for a steady confidence in Thy love, which no danger can weaken or shake. Enable me to set a good example of cheerfulness, and hope, and resignation to Thy will, before all, and particularly before the relatives of the sick. Replace all selfish and fearful thoughts with a simple reliance on Thee, and make me an instrument of glorifying Thee, by taking me or sparing me, as shall seem good in Thy sight. And if death await me in my ministrations, I know that I shall find my life in losing it. Therefore into Thy hands I resign myself absolutely; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before Laying out the Dead.

O LORD, Who hast sanctified our flesh by taking it upon Thyself, and by making us individually members of Thyself, and temples of the Holy Ghost; give us grace, we beseech Thee, thankfully to acknowledge this Thy goodness by a reverent and pious care for the bodies of those who depart hence in the Lord. Make them, O Lord, who are sown in corruption and dishonour, to be raised in incorruption and glory; make them heirs of a glorious resurrection and a blessed immortality, and give us all the sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life, through Thee, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Before Visiting the Poor.

No. 1 (*For a Man*).

O LORD God, I humbly give myself to this service of preparing the way for the ministers and stewards of Thy Mysteries. I desire Thy help to reach those whom they find such difficulty in reaching and influencing. Be with me, O Lord, in finding the working men, and in endeavouring to make them see the misery of trying to live without Thee. Give me skill and discretion in understanding their feelings, in meeting their prejudices, in instructing their ignorance, in answering their doubts and objections, and in touching their hearts with the words of Thy love. Increase, O Lord, my love for them, and my earnest desire to serve Thee. And bring them to be faithful humble members of Thy holy Church, rejoicing in their hope, and living soberly, and godly, and to Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

No. 2 (*For a Woman*).

O LORD, I am Thy handmaiden. I go to prepare the way before the ministers and stewards of Thy Mysteries; grant that I may be discreet in all that I say or do, and that in all womanly gentleness I may win to Thy love the hearts of those I visit. I desire to arouse in them the hunger and thirst after righteousness. I desire to help them to cleanliness and decent comfort in their homes, to purity of domestic life, both in word and deed. I desire to seek out those who require the office of the priest in anything, and by quiet and cautious influence to bring them to apply for the same. I desire to lead the women to live soberly and

godly, to be keepers at home, obedient to their husbands, and careful of their children. I desire especially to be the bearer of good to the little ones, and in all my visiting to breathe a spirit of tenderness, and peace, and holiness, that Thy holy Name may be glorified in my feeble efforts. And for all these I humbly and earnestly ask Thy ever-present help, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

When Engaged in Teaching.

No. 1.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who didst give especial charge to Thine Apostle to feed the lambs of Thy flock; grant now Thy Holy Spirit to me, and to all who have charge of the young, that we may, with sound discretion and faithful diligence, train them in godly discipline, to adorn the doctrine of our God and Saviour in all that they learn. Make me patient with the dull, calm and good-tempered with the froward and disobedient, firm with the idle, encouraging with the timid, and gentle and loving with all. Give me not only a full understanding of what I teach, but clearness in expressing myself. And that I may duly discharge my trust of instructing Thy little ones, make me continually to learn under Thy eye, O blessed Lord, that I may bring forth out of my treasures things old and new, and sow the seed of eternal life in the hearts of those I teach; through Thy help. Amen.

No. 2.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who didst condescend to be subject to earthly parents,

and to grow in wisdom, and didst notice with especial favour the little children; I entreat Thy loving blessing upon my pupils. May they grow in the fear of the Lord, and daily advance in spiritual, as in intellectual, learning. Preserve them from their especial temptations of the world and the flesh, and defend them from all evil to body and soul. Help me *and my fellow-teachers* so to train and discipline them, that they may turn to Thee in their youth, and go forward in faith and love to be useful members of Thy Church. For Thine own sake. Amen.

When Teaching Communicants' Classes.

I APPROACH Thee, O Lord, on behalf of those to whom I minister in Thy Name, and whom I love for Thy sake, and who are about to come to Thy holy Table. O Lord, make them dread Thy threats against those who do not come, and against those who come unworthily; make them look fearfully and hopefully to Thy glorious promise of the marriage garment of penitence and holy joy.

Help them to examine themselves carefully and completely, to lay bare their hearts before Thee, to repent zealously and thoroughly, to offer themselves wholly to love and serve Thee, and their brethren. So that they may humbly receive Thy most precious Body and Blood, and be partakers of eternal life, through Thy merits, Who art with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God blessed for ever. Amen.

When Employed in Nursing the Sick.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who during Thy blessed ministry didst most lovingly, and frequently, exert Thy Divine power in healing all manner of sickness and infirmity; I pray for Thy especial help in the holy duty of ministering to Thy diseased and afflicted members. Give me, I beseech Thee, a due sense of the responsibility and honour of my work. Fill me with heartfelt compassion for those whom I tend. Endue me with a gentle firmness of head and hand. Make me tender, and patient, and skilful in relieving discomfort and assuaging pain. Enable me to soothe the fretful and impatient, to cheer the desponding, to console the sad. [Help me to set an example of self-denial and watchfulness to my subordinates.] Make me courageous in difficulties, ready in emergencies, strictly obedient to the physicians and surgeons, punctual and careful in small things. And while I minister to the bodies of the sick, assist me, O Lord, constantly to endeavour, in all womanly gentleness and humility, to direct their thoughts upward, and inward, so that they may be prepared for the office of the Physician of the soul, and be healed and comforted both in body and mind. O Lord, grant that I may please Thee in all parts of this my service, and that it may be for the honour of Thy holy Name. Amen.

Before Reading the Holy Scriptures to Others.

O GOD, I return Thee humble thanks for the great honour of directly helping in

the ministration of Thy holy Word. Make me diligent to read it plainly, and distinctly, and intelligently, to the conversion and edification of Thy people. May I never pretend to understand it when I do not. May I never misinterpret it in the smallest degree. May I never follow my own judgment therein to differ from the doctrine of the Church. And to this end make me heartily to love and reverence Thy holy Scriptures. I humbly beg that Thy Spirit may make me specially watchful against self-confidence and self-pleasing in this ministration.

Lastly, O Lord, I desire to do it entirely for Thy glory, in all humility and faithfulness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collects of the Book of Common Prayer.

First Sunday in Advent.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

Second Sunday in Advent.

BLESSED Lord, Who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Third Sunday in Advent.

O LORD Jesu Christ, Who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee; grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy Mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the

wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Fourth Sunday in Advent.

O LORD, raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, Thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of Thy Son our Lord, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Christmas Day.

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast given us Thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin; grant that we, being regenerate, and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Saint Stephen's Day.

GRANT, O Lord, that in all our sufferings here upon earth for the testimony of Thy truth we may steadfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our persecutors by

the example of Thy first Martyr Saint Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to Thee, O blessed Jesus, Who standest at the right hand of God to succour all those that suffer for Thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Saint John the Evangelist's Day.

MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech Thee to cast Thy bright beams of light upon Thy Church, that it, being enlightened by the doctrine of Thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John, may so walk in the light of Thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Innocents' Day.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify Thee by their deaths; mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by Thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday after Christmas Day.

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast given us Thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin; grant that we, being regenerate, and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Circumcision of Christ.

ALMIGHTY God, Who madest Thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man; grant us the true Circumcision of the Spirit, that, our hearts and all our members being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey Thy blessed will; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epiphany.

O GOD, Who by the leading of a star didst manifest Thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; mercifully grant that we, which know Thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of Thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Sunday after the Epiphany.

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people which call upon Thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; mercifully hear the supplications of Thy people, and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth Thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany.

O GOD, Who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany.

O LORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy Church and household continually in Thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of Thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by Thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany.

O GOD, Whose blessed Son was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; grant us, we beseech Thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure; that, when He shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, He liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Sunday called Septuagesima.

O LORD, we beseech Thee favourably to hear the prayers of Thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness, for the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Sunday called Sexagesima.

O LORD God, Who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do; mercifully grant that by Thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sunday called Quinquagesima.

O LORD, Who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send Thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee. Grant this for Thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Ash Wednesday.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect

remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Sunday in Lent.

O LORD, Who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey Thy godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to Thy honour and glory, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Second Sunday in Lent.

ALMIGHTY God, Who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Third Sunday in Lent.

WE beseech Thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fourth Sunday in Lent.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Fifth Sunday in Lent.

WE beseech Thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people; that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday next before Easter.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who, of Thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the Cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Good Friday.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross, Who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by Whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O MERCIFUL God, Who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Easter Even.

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the Death of Thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections, we may be buried with Him; and that, through the grave and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for His merits Who died and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Easter Day.

ALMIGHTY God, Who through Thy only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; we humbly beseech Thee, that, as by Thy special grace preventing us Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and

reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

First Sunday after Easter.

ALMIGHTY Father, Who hast given Thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may alway serve Thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Sunday after Easter.

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast given Thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that His inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Third Sunday after Easter.

ALMIGHTY God, Who showest to them that be in error the light of Thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Fourth Sunday after Easter.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful

men; grant unto Thy people that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise, that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fifth Sunday after Easter.

O LORD, from Whom all good things do come; grant to us Thy humble servants, that by Thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by Thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Ascension Day.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Sunday after Ascension Day.

O GOD the King of Glory, Who hast exalted Thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto Thy kingdom in heaven; we beseech Thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us Thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Whit Sunday.

GOD, Who as at this time didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Trinity Sunday.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who hast given unto us Thy servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; we beseech Thee that Thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, Who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

First Sunday after Trinity.

O GOD, the Strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping of Thy commandments we may please Thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Sunday after Trinity.

O LORD, Who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up

in Thy steadfast fear and love; keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Third Sunday after Trinity.

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom Thou hast given a hearty desire to pray, may by Thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fourth Sunday after Trinity.

O GOD, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without Whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy, that, Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.

Fifth Sunday after Trinity.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance, that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sixth Sunday after Trinity.

O GOD, Who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love

toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Seventh Sunday after Trinity.

LORD of all power and might, Who art the Author and Giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of Thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eighth Sunday after Trinity.

O GOD, Whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; we humbly beseech Thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ninth Sunday after Trinity.

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tenth Sunday after Trinity.

LET Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make

them to ask such things as shall please Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.

O GOD, Who declarest Thy almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity; mercifully grant unto us such a measure of Thy grace, that we, running the way of Thy commandments, may obtain Thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of Thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of Whose only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain Thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity;

and, that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.

KEEP, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Church with Thy perpetual mercy: and because the frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by Thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succour, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.

LORD, we pray Thee that Thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.

LORD, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.

O GOD, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee; mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of Thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech Thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that Thou wouldest have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.

LORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through Thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve Thee in good works, to the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.

O GOD, our Refuge and Strength, Who art the Author of all godliness; be ready, we

beseech Thee, to hear the devout prayers of Thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, absolve Thy people from their offences; that through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity.

STIR up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of Thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Andrew's Day.

ALMIGHTY God, Who didst give such grace unto Thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed Him without delay; grant unto us all, that we, being called by Thy holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil Thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Thomas the Apostle.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, Who for the more confirmation of the faith didst

suffer Thy holy Apostle Thomas to be doubtful in Thy Son's Resurrection; grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in Thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in Thy sight may never be reproved. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. Amen.

Conversion of Saint Paul.

O GOD, Who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world; grant, we beseech Thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto Thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, we humbly beseech Thy Majesty, that, as Thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto Thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Matthias' Day.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who into the place of the traitor Judas didst choose Thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the twelve Apostles; grant that Thy Church, being alway preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, pour Thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of Thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by His Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of His Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Mark's Day.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who hast instructed Thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of Thy Evangelist Saint Mark; give us grace, that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of Thy holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Philip and Saint James' Day.

O ALMIGHTY God, Whom truly to know is everlasting life; grant us perfectly to know Thy Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life; that, following the steps of Thy holy Apostles Saint Philip and Saint James, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Barnabas the Apostle.

O LORD God Almighty, Who didst endue Thy holy Apostle Barnabas with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost; leave us not, we beseech Thee, destitute of Thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them alway to Thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint John Baptist's Day.

ALMIGHTY God, by Whose providence Thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of Thy Son our Saviour, by preaching of repentance; make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and after his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Peter's Day.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who by Thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to Thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed Thy flock; make, we beseech Thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach Thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint James the Apostle.

GRANT, O merciful God, that as Thine holy Apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient unto the calling of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed Him; so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow Thy holy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Bartholomew the Apostle.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who didst give to Thine Apostle Bartholomew

grace truly to believe and to preach Thy Word; grant, we beseech Thee, unto Thy Church, to love that Word which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Matthew the Apostle.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who by Thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist; grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires, and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same Thy Son Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Saint Michael and all Angels.

O EVERLASTING God, Who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order; mercifully grant, that as Thy holy Angels alway do Thee service in heaven, so by Thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Luke the Evangelist.

ALMIGHTY God, Who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist, and Physician of the soul; may it please Thee, that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head Corner-stone; grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All Saints' Day.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the Mystical Body of Thy Son Christ our Lord; grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymns.

No. 1.

"Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord."
—Ps. cxxxiv. 2.

HALLELUJAH! Fairest morning,
Fairer than my words can say,
Down I lay the heavy burden
Of life's toil and care to-day;
While this morn of joy and love
Brings fresh vigour from above.

Sunday, full of holy glory!
Sweetest rest-day of the soul,
Light upon a darkened world
From thy blessed moments roll.
Holy, happy, heavenly day,
Thou canst charm my grief away.

Now I taste my Father's goodness,
Falling like the morning dew,
While of pastures even fairer
I would take a distant view;
Where my Shepherd's flock I see,
Where my dwelling soon shall be!

Oh, be silent, earthly turmoil,
I have work more sweet and blest,
And each thought would gather homeward
On this happy day of rest;
Thus with clearer faith to see
All my Lord has done for me.

In the gladness of His worship
  I will seek my joy to-day:
It is then I learn the fulness
  Of the grace for which I pray,
  When the Word of Life is given,
  Like the Saviour's voice from heaven.

Let the day's sweet hours be ended
  Cheerfully, as they've begun;
And, Thy blessing, Lord, be granted,
  Till earth's days and weeks are done:
  That at last Thy servant may
  Keep eternal Sabbath-day.

No. 2.

"Peace from the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour."—TIT. i. 4.

WE close the weary eye,
  Saviour ever near:
We lift our souls on high
  Through the darkness drear;
Be Thou our light, we cry,
  Saviour ever dear.

We feel Thine arms around,
  Saviour ever near:
With Thee let us be found;
  Then we shall not fear
Whatever ills abound,
  Saviour ever dear.

Thine is the day and night,
  Saviour ever near:
Thine is the dark and light;
  Be our shelter here:
Oh, shield us with Thy might,
  Saviour ever dear

And when we come to die,
  Saviour ever near :
Receive our parting sigh,
  And in the hour of fear
Be to our spirit nigh,
  Saviour ever dear.

Amen.

No. 3.

"And where I am, there shall also My servant be."
—St. John xii. 26.

LET me be with Thee where Thou art,
  My Saviour, my eternal Rest :
Then only will this longing heart
Be fully and completely blest.

Let me be with Thee where Thou art,
Thy unveiled glory to behold ;
Then only will this wandering heart
Cease to be treacherous, faithless, cold.

Let me be with Thee where Thou art,
Where spotless Saints Thy Name adore,
Then only will this evil heart
Be sinful and defiled no more.

Let me be with Thee where Thou art,
Where none can die, where none remove ;
There neither life nor death can part
Me from Thy Presence and Thy Love.

Amen.

No. 4.

"In My Father's house are many mansions."—St. John xiv. 2.

UPWARD where the stars are burning,
  Silent, silent, in their turning
Round the never-changing pole ;

Upward where the sky is brightest,
Upward where the blue is lightest,
  Lift I now my longing soul.

Far beyond that arch of gladness,
Far beyond these clouds of sadness,
  Are the many mansions fair.
Far from pain, and sin, and folly,
In that palace of the holy;
  I would find my mansion there.

Where the glory brightly dwelleth,
Where the new song sweetly swelleth,
  And the discord never comes;
Where life's stream is ever laving,
And the palm is ever waving;
  That must be the home of homes.

Where the Lamb on high is seated,
By ten thousand voices greeted,
  Lord of lords, and King of kings.
Son of Man, they crown, they crown Him,
Son of God, they own, they own Him,
  With His Name the palace rings.

Blessing, honour, without measure,
Heavenly riches, earthly treasure,
  Lay we at His blessed feet.
Poor the praise that now we render,
Loud shall be our voices yonder,
  When before His throne we meet. Amen

No. 5.

"Learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart."
—St. Matt. xi. 29.

CHRIST'S path was sad and lowly,
  But yet thou in thy pride,

Wouldst climb the highest summit,
  And on the height abide!
Wouldst thou to heaven arise?
  My Lord the way will show thee,
For who would climb these skies,
  Must first with Him be lowly.

Lowly, my soul, be lowly,
  Follow the paths of old:
The feather riseth lightly,
  But never so the gold!
The stream descending fast,
  Has gathered, quietly, slowly—
A river rolls at last—
  Therefore, my soul, be lowly.

Lowly, my eyes, be lowly.
  God, from His throne above,
Looks down upon the humble
  In kindness and in love.
Still, as I rise, I shall
  Have greater depths below me,
And haughty looks must fall—
  Therefore, mine eyes, be lowly.

Lowly, my hands, be lowly,
  Christ's poor around us dwell,
Stoop down, and kindly cherish
  The flock He loves so well.
Not toiling to secure
  This world's fame and glory—
Thy Saviour blessed the poor,
  Therefore, my hands, be lowly.

Lowly, my heart, be lowly.
  So God shall dwell with thee,
It is the meek and patient
  Who shall exalted be.

Deep in the valley rest
  The Spirit's gifts most holy,
And they who seek are blest,
  Therefore, my heart, be lowly.

Lowly, I would be lowly!
  This frame, to earth allied,
Must first to dust be humbled
  Ere it be glorified!
My God, prepare me here
  For all that lies before me.
I would in heaven appear;
  And so I will be lowly.

Amen.

No. 6.

"Lord, I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest."
—St. Luke ix. 57.

O JESUS, I have promised
  To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou for ever near me,
  My Master and my Friend!
I shall not fear the battle
  If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
  If Thou wilt be my Guide.

Oh! let me feel Thee near me—
  The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
  The tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
  Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
  And shield my soul from sin.

Oh! let me hear Thee speaking,
  In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
  The murmurs of self-will:
Oh! speak to reassure me,
  To hasten or control:
Oh! speak and make me listen,
  Thou Guardian of my soul!

Oh! let me see Thy features,
  The look that once could make
So many a true disciple
  Leave all things for Thy sake:
The look that beamed on Peter
  When he Thy Name denied;
The look that draws Thy lovers
  Close to Thy piercèd side.

Oh! Jesus, Thou hast promised
  To all who follow Thee,
That where Thou art in glory,
  There shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
  To serve Thee to the end;
Oh, give me grace to follow
  My Master and my Friend!

Oh! let me see Thy foot-marks,
  And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
  Is in Thy strength alone.
Oh! guide me, call me, draw me,
  Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
  My Saviour and my Friend!

Amen.

No. 7.

"God is my salvation; I will trust."—Isa. xii. 2.

SAVIOUR! happy should I be,
If I could but trust in Thee;
Trust Thy wisdom me to guide;
Trust Thy goodness to provide;
Trust Thy saving love and power;
Trust Thee every day and hour;

Trust Thee as the only light
Trust in hours of darkest night;
Trust in sickness, trust in health;
Trust in poverty and wealth;
Trust in joy and trust in grief;
Trust Thy promise for relief.

Trust Thy Blood to cleanse my soul;
Trust Thy grace to make me whole;
Trust Thee all my journey through;
Trust Thee, living, dying too;
Trust Thee till my feet shall be
Planted on the crystal sea.

Amen.

No. 8.

"Lord, help me."—St. Matt. xv. 25.

IN the hour of trial,
Jesus, pray for me;
Lest by base denial
I depart from Thee.
When Thou seest me waver,
With a look recall;
Nor for fear or favour
Suffer me to fall.

With forbidden pleasures
  Would this vain world charm;
Or its sordid treasures
  Spread to work me harm;
Bring to my remembrance
  Sad Gethsemane,
Or, in darker semblance,
  Cross-crowned Calvary.

Should Thy mercy send me
  Sorrow, toil, and woe;
Or should pain attend me
  On my path below;
Grant that I may never
  Fail Thy hand to see;
Grant that I may ever
  Cast my care on Thee.

When my last hour cometh,
  Fraught with strife and pain;
When my dust returneth
  To the dust again;
On Thy truth relying,
  Through that mortal strife,
Jesus, take me dying
  To eternal life.

Amen.

No. 9.

"Come unto Me."—St. Matt. xi. 28.

ART thou weary, art thou languid,
  Art thou sore distrest?
"Come to Me"—saith One—"and coming,
  Be at rest!"

Hath He marks to lead me to Him,
If He be my Guide?
"In His feet and hands are wound-prints,
And His side."

Is there diadem, as monarch,
That His brow adorns?
"Yea, a crown, in very surety,
But of thorns!"

If I find Him, if I follow,
What His guerdon here?
"Many a sorrow, many a labour,
Many a tear."

If I still hold closely to Him,
What hath He at last!
"Sorrow vanquished, labour ended,
Jordan past!"

If I ask Him to receive me,
Will He say me nay?
"Not till earth, and not till heaven
Pass away!"

Finding, following, keeping, struggling,
Is He sure to bless?
"Angels, martyrs, prophets, virgins,
Answer, Yes!"

No. 10.

"Tribulation worketh patience."—Rom. v. 3.

WHEN my heart is sore within
Through a hope of joy deferred;
When I cannot conquer sin,
Or the soul with pride is stirred;
Mix for me the needful cup,
Watch me till I drink it up.

If this stubborn will of mine
  Will not bow itself to Thee;
If I struggle and repine
  At the lot imposed on me;
Do not let me have my way,
Firmly, kindly say me nay.

And if patience may not come,
  But through pain, and toil, and strife,
If it be denied to some
  Till the evening of their life;
Let me suffer what I may,
Still for patience will I pray.

Patience, Lord, is what I ask,
  Only make me wait on Thee.
Here is strength for every task,
  This the life of liberty.
As we trust Thee here below,
Will our weight of glory grow.

No. 11.

"If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."—St. Matt. xvi. 24.

TAKE up thy cross, the Saviour said,
  If thou wouldst My disciple be;
Deny thyself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after Me.

Take up thy cross; let not its weight
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,
And brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame;
Nor let thy foolish pride rebel:
Thy Lord for thee the Cross endured,
To save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross, then, in His strength,
And calmly every danger brave;
It guides thee to a better home,
And leads to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only he who bears the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

Amen.

No. 12.

"For now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."
—Rom. xiii. 11.

ONE sweetly solemn thought
Comes to me o'er and o'er,—
I'm nearer home to-day
Than e'er I've been before;

Nearer my Father's house
Where many mansions be,
Nearer the great white throne,
Nearer the jasper sea;

Nearer the bound of life
Where all lay burdens down;
Nearer leaving the cross,
Nearer gaining the crown.

But lying darkly between,
  Winding down through the night,
Is the dim and unknown stream
  That leads at last to light.

Father, my hope fulfil;
  Strengthen my feeble faith;
Let me feel as I would when I stand
  Beside the stream of death,—

Feel as I would when my feet
  Are sliding o'er the brink;
For I may be nearer home,
  Nearer now than I think!

Amen.

No. 13.

"Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness."
—Ps. cxii. 4.

LEAD, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom
  Lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home—
  Lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene,—one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
  Shouldst lead me on.
I loved to choose and see my path; but now,
  Lead Thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still
  Will lead me on,
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
  The night is gone;
And with the morn those Angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

No. 14.

"Peace, be still."—St. Mark iv. 39.

CALM me, my God, and keep me calm,
While these hot breezes blow;
Be like the night-dew's cooling balm
Upon earth's fevered brow!

Calm me, my God, and keep me calm:
Soft resting on Thy breast;
Soothe me with holy hymn and psalm,
And bid my spirit rest.

Calm me, my God, and keep me calm:
Let Thine outstretchèd wing
Be like the shade of Elim's palm
Beside her desert-spring.

Yes, keep me calm, though loud and rude
The sounds my ear that greet:
Calm in the closet's solitude,
Calm in the bustling street;

Calm in the hour of buoyant health,
Calm in my hour of pain;
Calm in my poverty or wealth,
Calm in my loss or gain;

Calm in the sufferance of wrong,
Like Him Who bore my shame;
Calm 'mid the threatening, taunting throng
Who hate Thy holy Name;

Calm when the great world's news with power
My listening spirit stir:
Let not the tidings of the hour
E'er find too fond an ear;

Calm as the ray of sun or star
  Which storms assail in vain,
Moving unruffled through earth's war
  Th' eternal calm to gain!

No. 15.

"He that refraineth his lips is wise."—PROV. x. 19.

PRUNE thou thy words, the thoughts control
  That o'er thee swell and throng;
They will condense within thy soul,
  And change to purpose strong.

But he who lets his feelings run
  In soft luxurious flow,
Shrinks when hard service must be done,
  And faints at every woe.

Faith's meanest deed more favour bears,
  Where hearts and wills are weighed,
Than brightest transports, choicest prayers,
  Which bloom their hour and fade.

No. 16.

"We love Him, because He first loved us."—1 JOHN iv. 19

MY God, I love Thee; not because
  I hope for heaven thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not
  Must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me
  Upon the Cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails, and spear,
  And manifold disgrace.

And griefs and torments numberless,
  And sweat of agony;
Yea, death itself; and all for me
  Who was Thine enemy.

Then why, O blessed Jesu Christ,
  Should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heaven,
  Nor of escaping hell;

Not with the hope of gaining aught,
  Not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast lovèd me,
  O ever-loving Lord.

So would I love Thee, dearest Lord,
  And in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God,
  And my eternal King.

Amen.

No. 17.

"There is one Body and one Spirit."—EPH. v. 4.

O HOLY GHOST, Thou God of Peace,
  Pity Thy Church, now rent in twain;
Bid wrath and strife and variance cease,
And let us all be one again.

One with our brethren here in love,
And one with saints that are at rest,
And one with angel hosts above,
And one with God for ever blest.

Oh, make on earth all Churches one,
One with the blessed gone before,
All knit in sweet communion
To love Thee, worship, and adore.

For One the Lord on Whom we call,
The Spirit One Which He hath given;
One God and Father of us all,
One Faith on earth, one Hope of Heaven.
Amen.

No. 18.

"Nevertheless at Thy word I will let down the net."
—St. Luke v. 5.

ALL the night so dark and drear
We have toiled 'mid hope and fear,
Toiled and nothing taken yet;
Satan mocks our empty net.

Standing on th' eternal shore,
All Thy toil and sorrow o'er,
Canst Thou look with pity yet,
Jesus, on our empty net?

Hark, a whisper floateth o'er!
"Launch into the deep once more;
Once again your nets let down,
And a draught your hopes shall crown."

In the place which Thou hast shown,
Trusting to Thy Word alone,
Once again our net we cast,
Certain to be blest at last.

Lord, Thy summons we obey,
Doubt and fear are cast away,
Labour ne'er can fruitless be,
Which begins and ends in Thee.

No. 19.

"Blessed be the God of all comfort, Who comforteth us in all our tribulation."—2 Cor. i. 3.

IN the hour of my distress,
When temptations me oppress,
And when I my sins confess,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me.

When I lie upon my bed
Sick at heart, and sick in head,
And with doubts discomfited,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me.

When the tempter me pursueth,
And the sins of all my youth
Stand arrayed in naked truth,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me.

When the judgment is revealed,
And the book of doom unsealed,
When to Thee I have appealed,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me.

Amen.

No. 20.

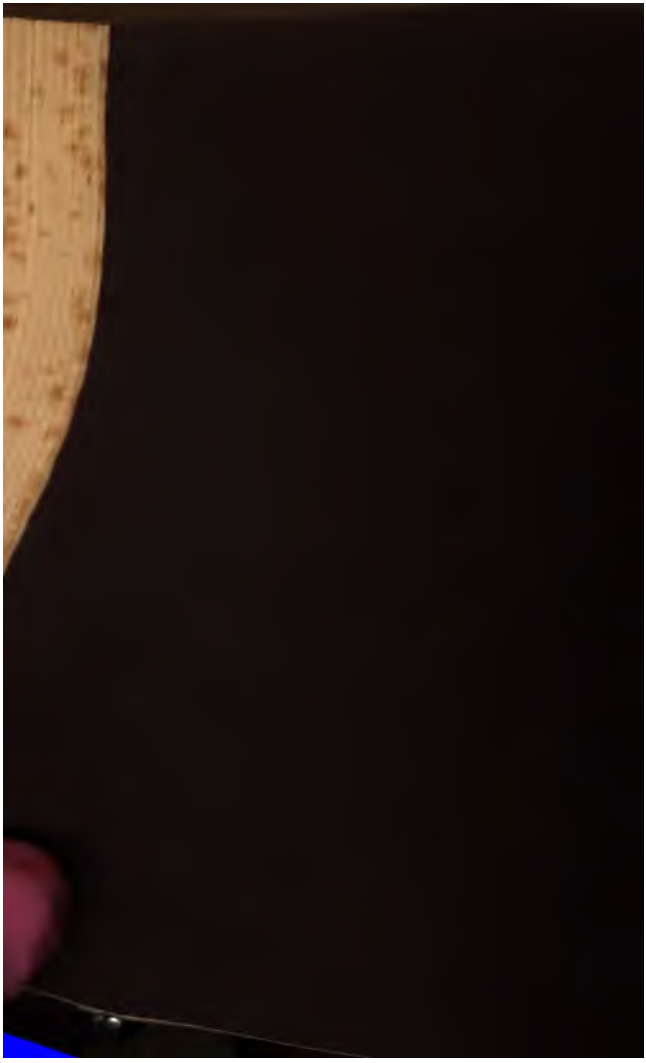
"He shall give you another Comforter."—St. John xiv. 16.

COME, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed Unction from above,
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
The dulness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of Thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home:
Where Thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee, of both, to be but One.
That, through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song;
  Praise to Thy eternal merit,
  Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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